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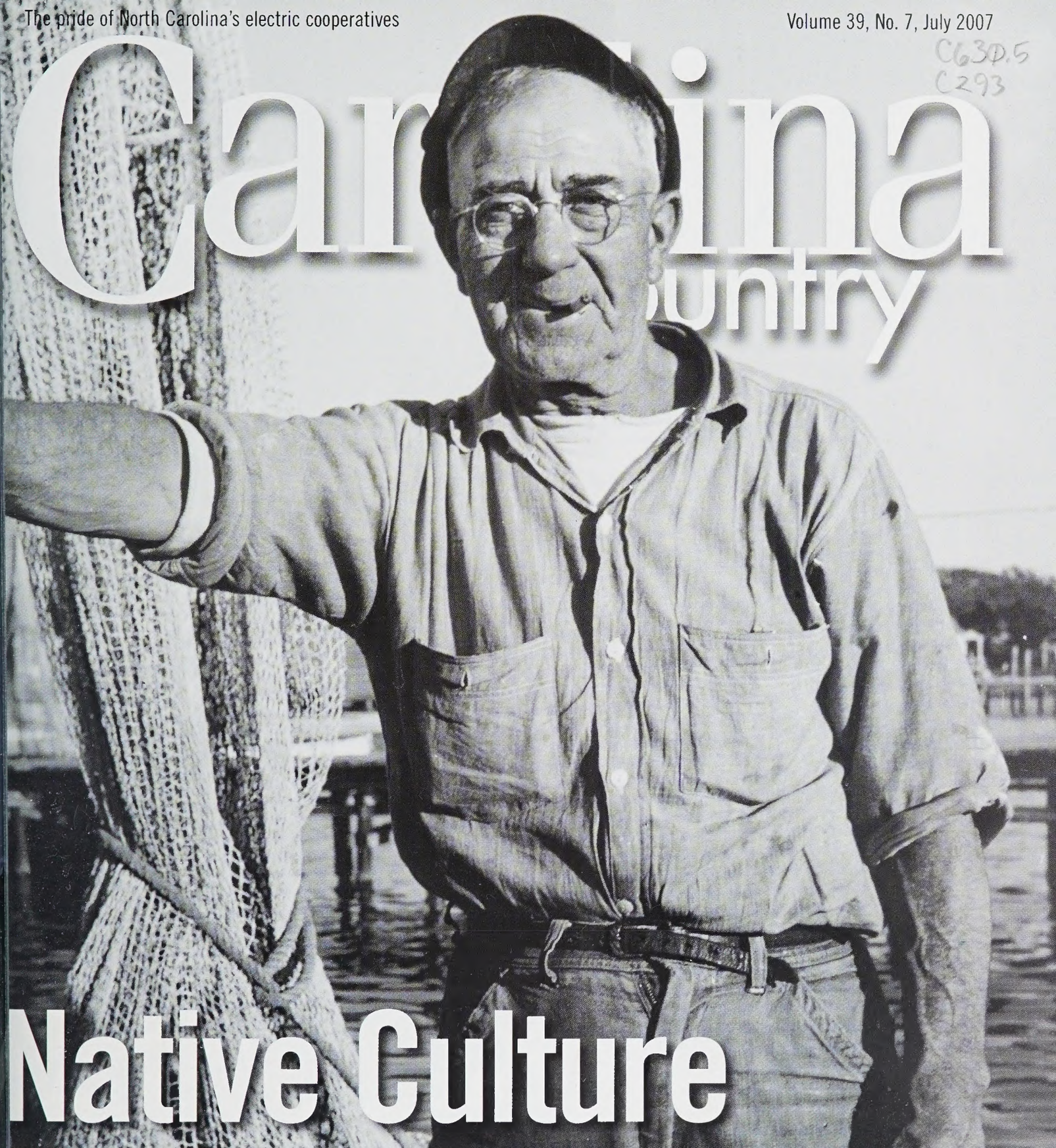

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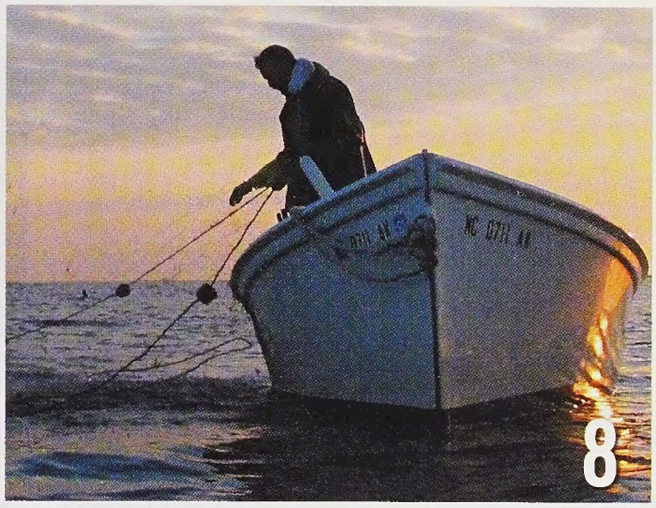

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Reliable electric power: coming to a neighborhood near you

By Tony E. Herrin

As I arrive home each day, the first thing I do is throw my keys down on the counter and plug in my cell phone to charge. It seems those batteries don't last as long as they should. Then I usually turn on the TV to catch the weather forecast for the next day. Most of the time my wife is a step ahead of me and already has something cooking on the stove. I tend to cook in the microwave, but any way you look at it, these conveniences are all modern necessities of life that we have all come to expect.

The demand for electricity is growing every day. The Energy Information Administration forecasts demand for electricity will grow 33 percent nationally over the next 20 years, and more than 40 percent in the Southeast over the same period. In some months, our cooperative, Union Power, adds over 400 new members to our system. In western Union County alone, we've experienced a load growth of 42 percent during one year. Union County, our largest service area, is the 15th fastest growing county in the U.S. and fifth fastest growing county in North Carolina.

Americans are big consumers of everything. We have big needs. And one thing everybody needs is abundant electricity. We need reliable power to fuel the growth that we are seeing all around us. We need power to keep us safe. Our medical facilities, fire stations, EMS facilities, communication towers, emergency shelters, 911 dispatch facilities, and water pumping stations all depend on it. Our schools depend on it for every aspect of operation. We need power to keep us comfortable with our air conditioning, heating, hot water, and don't forget our televisions and computers. We want all of this without interruption.

Higher demand for electricity requires us to build more infrastructure to support and meet those needs. Electric cooperatives have been in the business of providing safe, reliable power for nearly 70 years. We have built an intricate system of substations, transmission lines and distribution lines that bring the power to your homes and businesses. And when it comes to siting substations, transmission lines and other electric infrastructure, there's a science behind it. They have to be built near where people live and work. These days, almost anywhere is in someone's backyard. There comes a point where we are faced with a choice whether or not to place a substation or transmission line near a neighborhood. If we don't place one there, the people who live and work nearby run the risk of losing reliable delivery of electric power to their homes and businesses.

Substations, transmission lines and other infrastructure today are necessary to our way of life. Electric cooperatives do the best we can to build and maintain these systems so that we do not infringe upon the peace and tranquility of our way of life, and to deliver safely the power we need, when we need it, to sustain that way of life.

Thanks to all of you who support your cooperative.

Tony E. Herrin is executive vice president and general manager of Union Power Cooperative, which serves more than 61,000 member accounts in Union, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Rowan and Stanly counties. He also serves on North Carolina's electric cooperatives' statewide Power Supply Committee.

Trivializing tragedy

I was deeply disturbed to open the June 2007 issue and see prominently displayed at the top of the Table of Contents page a photograph of a parked race car painted with the slogan "Free Lt. Calley," accompanied by a caption reading in part "This is [driver] making a political statement with his [car] at the Columbia Speedway in 1971."

Regardless of whether one believes that Lt. Calley and the soldiers under his command were acting under orders, or that they were rogues and renegades acting on their own, it is undisputed that on the morning of March 16, 1968, in the village of My Lai, Viet Nam, approximately 500 unarmed civilians—men, women, children and babies—were gunned down by U.S. forces. It was a very dark day indeed for the U.S. military.

Perhaps publishing this particular photograph was intended to reflect the turmoil of the times. In 1971 opinions on the war in Viet Nam were deeply divided, as were opinions on a multitude of social and political issues. Many outrageous things were proclaimed in the heat and confusion of the moment by both sides of the highly polarized spectrum. But the passage of time has given us the benefit of historical perspective, and it is clear that the My Lai massacre was a sordid and tragic episode.

I am dismayed to see its memory trivialized by the light tone of the photograph's caption. The article itself was an interesting, nostalgic, nonpolitical look at the history of race tracks in the Carolinas. Surely another, more appropriate picture could have been chosen.

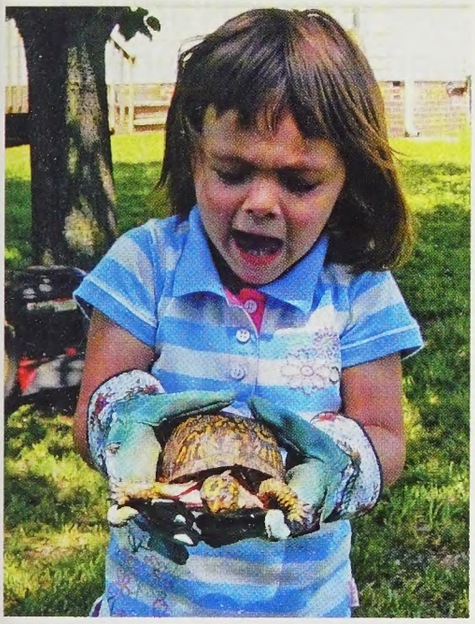
Daniel Occoquan / Cedar Grove

It wasn't deregulated

An industry whose retail prices are capped is not deregulated, it's just regulated in a different way, and this is a way that seems certain to fail badly. ["Whatever happened to deregulating the electric utility industry?" June 2007.] The fact that this bad regulation plan did fail is no surprise.

It seems a perfect way to give free markets a bad reputation. But that will only work if everyone agrees to call badly thought-out regulation "deregulation."

Craig Sickler | Walnut Cove



Now what?

I found this turtle one day while cutting grass near my tractor shed. My granddaughter Bailey Ledford, 3½, was visiting. I let her hold it if she wore her work gloves. She was very calm until the turtle decided to extend its head and legs to look around.

Kenneth P. Cash
Kings Mountain | Rutherford EMC

American girl

This is my niece Cortney McClure. She is my "American Baby." I took this photo at a Fourth of July Celebration last year. As I walked with the parade through a little town called Faith, it made me glad to be an American. Cortney's eyes were sparkling as she threw candy to all those waiting eagerly on the sides.

Myrtle Taylor
Huntersville | EnergyUnited

The Gibby Granery

This is one of the original standing buildings found on the John Martin Gibby Farm in Hayesville, Clay County. My Uncle Warren told me the inside of this building was a unique creation of my dad's. You see that open window in the gable end? In the beginning there was a door instead of a window and burlap bags of wheat, oats, or barley would be put into the loft area and poured down into bins which reached down to the ground floor. These bins were divided so that different grains could be kept separated. When a certain amount of grain was needed, they placed a container under the respective spout and the grain would flow into it.

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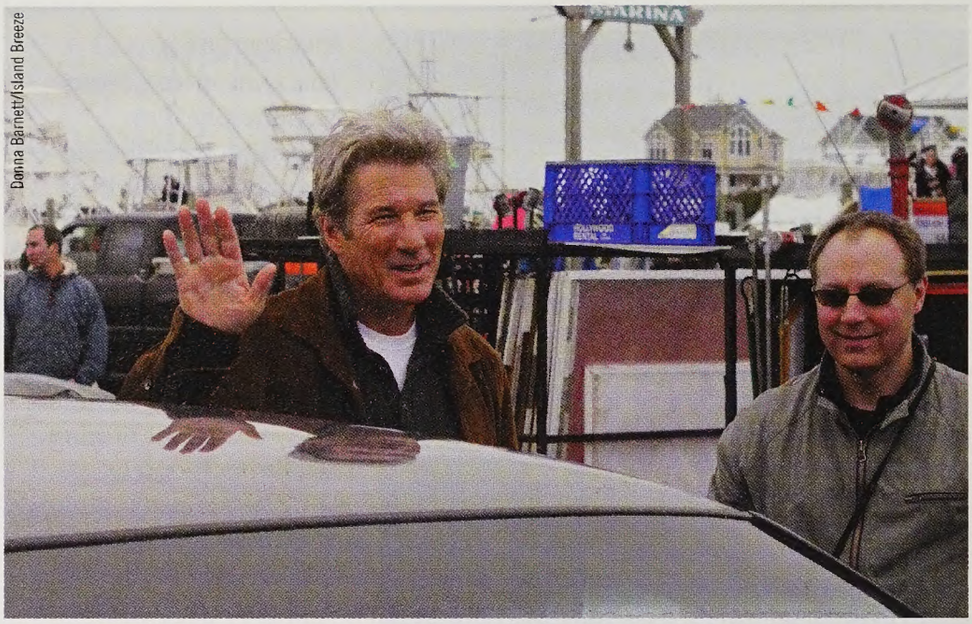

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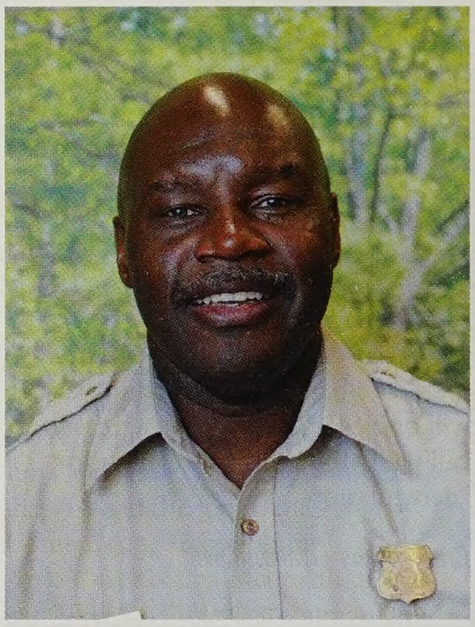
Stars come out for "Nights in Rodanthe" movie

Famous movie actors, including this one (waving), and the crews required to make the film "Nights in Rodanthe," occupied the Hatteras Island villages of Rodanthe, Waves and other parts of the Outer Banks this spring. Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative accommodated the commotion, including moving power lines out of sight lines and away from helicopter landing zones. Tideland EMC lineman Joe Pugh was tapped as an extra and assigned to sit on Rodanthe Pier with his arm around a girl. George C. Wolfe directed the Warner Brothers production, scheduled for release in 2008, about a divorced woman struggling with rearing her teenage children and caring for her ailing father until she meets a new love interest during a trip to the Outer Banks.

Keith Barraclough

At work for you in Washington, D.C.

Rep. G.K. Butterfield of Wilson was one of the members of North Carolina's Congressional delegation who met with staff and directors of the state's Touchstone Energy cooperatives in the nation's capital this spring. Discussion issues ranged from energy prices to farm and rural development projects.



State programs are available to minority woodland owners

The North Carolina Division of Forest Resources has hired Alton Perry as an outreach coordinator to help minority landowners learn about forestry resources available to them. All woodland owners in the state are eligible for programs that can help them manage and sustain their forests. Technical and financial assistance can be free of charge, depending on the program.

The Forest Resources division maintains offices in all 100 counties, grouped into 13 districts. Perry says that experts can offer help in planning, insect and disease control, as well as managing and marketing timber and forest products.

Perry earned an associates degree in forest resources from Wayne Technical Community College and has worked with the Division of Forest Resources since 1982. Perry grew up tending tobacco and vegetables on the Vance County land where his father, Jacob, was a tenant farmer.

For more information, contact the County Ranger, N.C. Division of Forest Resources, in your county. Or call Alton Perry at (877) 205-0056. Or visit the state Web site at www.dfr.state.nc.us.

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This is a Carolina Country scene in Touchstone Energy territory. If you know where it is, send your answer by July 9 with your name, address, phone number and the name of your electric cooperative.

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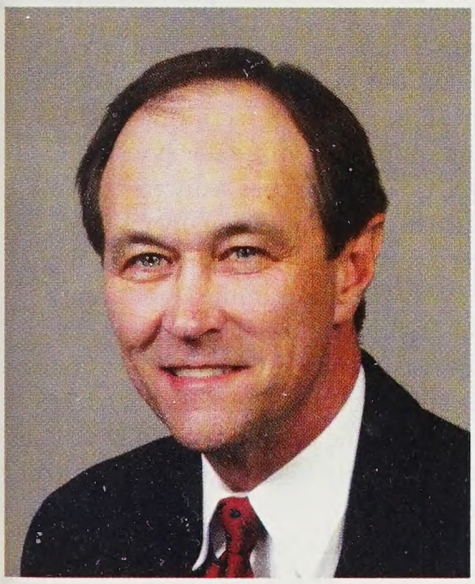
June winner:

The June photo looks like many of the fish ponds in central and western North Carolina, but it happens to be the Larry and Angel Saunders pond (formerly Jeeter's) on Denton Chapel Rd. in Burke County. Several people thought it was the Camp Carraway pond in Randolph County. More wrong guesses came in than correct ones. There were Ed's Carp Lake outside China Grove, Porter's Lake in Roaring River, Willowbrook Carp Lake in Elkins, Pop's Lake in Iredell County, Lake Shore Fishing Lake in Concord, Mallerd's Pond in Icard, Red's Fish Lake in White Plains, Armstrong Carp Lake near Gastonia, and Bowman's Fish Lake in Westfield, among others. Correct answers were numbered and the $25 winner chosen at random was Chris Pritchard of Morganton, a member of Rutherford EMC.

R.B. Sloan leaves EnergyUnited and electric co-ops after 33 years



After 33 years serving energy cooperatives in North Carolina, EnergyUnited's top executive, R.B. Sloan, plans to leave the cooperative.

The EnergyUnited board of directors appointed Wayne Wilkins, chief operating officer of EnergyUnited, as interim CEO while it searches for a permanent CEO.

"R.B. Sloan has been an important part of the formation, growth and success of EnergyUnited and of the energy cooperative industry in North Carolina," said Jimmy Horton, chairman of the EnergyUnited board. "We will miss him and wish R.B. success in this next chapter of his career."

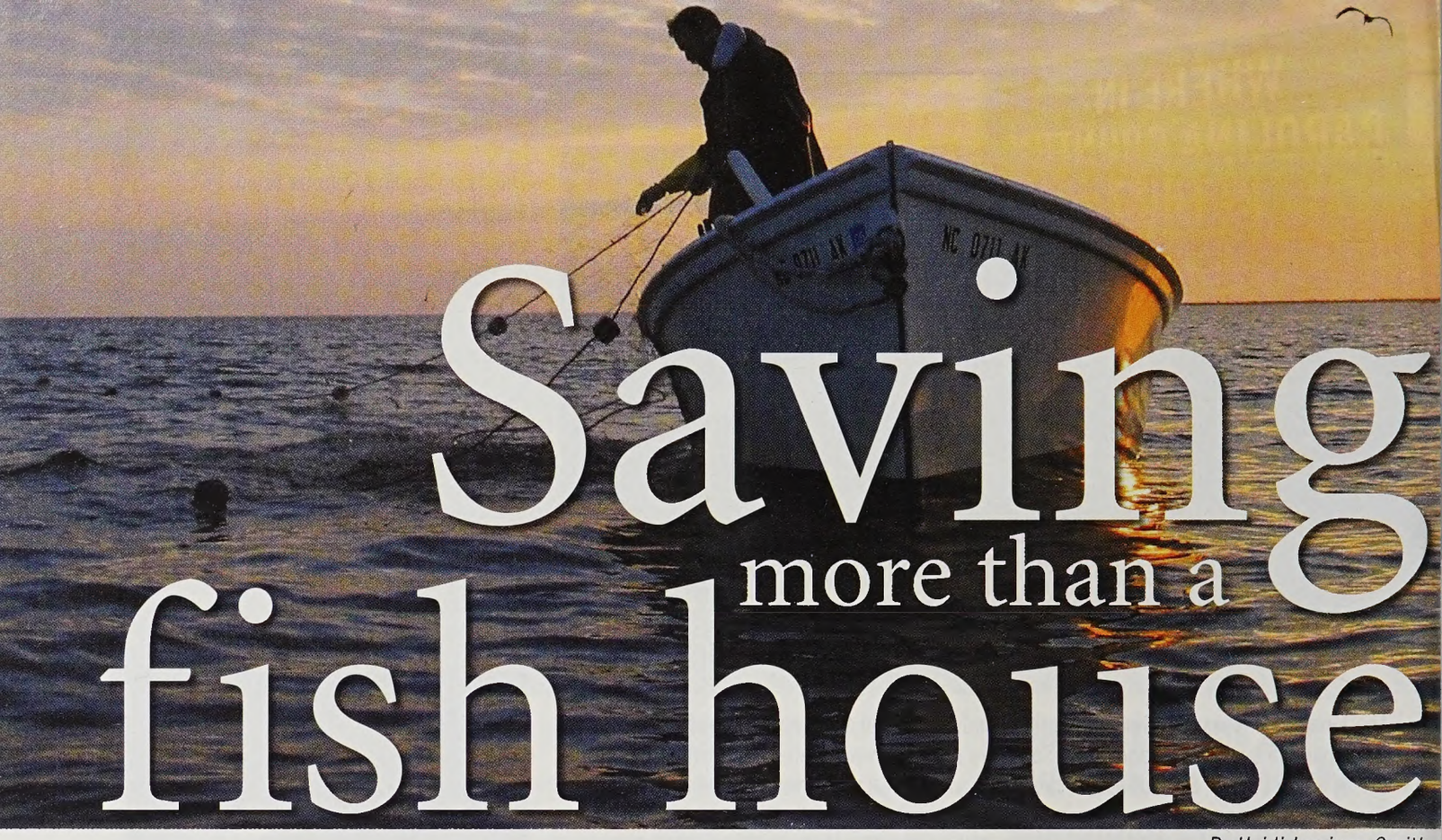
Sloan will become the director of electric utilities for the city of Vero Beach, Fla. He plans to assist EnergyUnited during a transition period over the summer.

A native of Statesville, Sloan has spent his career in electric cooperatives. He held a similar position with Crescent Electric Membership Corporation and was part of the successful merger between Crescent and Davidson Electric Membership Corporation in 1998, which formed EnergyUnited.

"I'd like to thank the membership of EnergyUnited for their many years of support and trust. I will miss North Carolina and my many friends and business associates," said Sloan. "I've been doing this for a long time and it has been an honor serving as CEO of EnergyUnited. This move to Florida will allow me to try something different during this next stage of my professional life."

"R.B. has been an exemplary CEO and a wonderful colleague—we wish him much success and best wishes in his new endeavors." said Wilkins. "The EnergyUnited management team and board are committed to a smooth transition and continuing to provide the high levels of service and attention our members have come to expect from the cooperative."

EnergyUnited serves approximately 116,000 electricity customers in 19 North Carolina counties. EnergyUnited makes customer satisfaction its highest priority, and its electric customers enjoy one of the highest reliability rates in the industry. EnergyUnited also provides propane to more than 22,000 customers in 71 North and South Carolina counties and offers other specialized residential and commercial products and services.



Saving more than a fish house

By Heidi Jernigan Smith

The island community of Ocracoke has turned back a tide that has been washing away traditional working waterfronts from the North Carolina coast

Wind and tide are always at work molding Ocracoke's pliable shore. It's a tireless tug, alternately revealing and concealing petrified skeletons of shipwrecks long since picked clean by islanders who, leaving nothing to waste, salvaged the marooned timber to build homes and docks. Mother Nature has favored Ocracoke more than many coastal communities, making more deposits than withdrawals along her banks. During the last 400 years the island dwindled to a mere 8-mile stretch then grew to the 14 miles of shoreline it has today. With most of it designated as a national seashore, the island's topography is as secure as it can be given Ocracoke's precarious posture between sound and sea.

Nevertheless, Ocracoke faces serious erosion on a different front: the loss of native culture. Although the island's living history is as colorful and captivating as its most famous visitor, the swashbuckling pirate Blackbeard, Ocracoke is not for every visitor. There are no chain stores or golf courses. So far, you can't even buy a lottery ticket here. But those who make the watery pilgrimage to this village of 800 year-round residents do so as much for what they leave behind on the mainland as for what they gain while here.

The inevitable give and take that accompanies growth and development has changed the face and even the voice of Ocracoke. The once robust dialect of native O'cockers, heavily influenced by Elizabethan English, has been watered down along with the familial bloodlines of the O'Neals, Styrons and Gaskills. As real estate values continue to rise, many year-round residents work multiple jobs to pay the price of living here. The island's K–12 school recently expanded, but the local board of education has the difficult task of recruiting teachers with no promise of affordable housing. Even the U.S. Coast Guard has reduced its island presence to limited seasonal operations, ending a year-round vigil that had endured since 1904. The doors of the Community Store, a favorite gathering spot for locals and tourists, were shuttered, further stretching and thinning the island's social fabric. Then in 2006, the island's last fish house was closed and put up for sale. Suddenly, in true O'cocker fashion, all hands were on deck in an effort to turn back the tide.

"A daily theater unfolds in small community fish houses: scenes of humor, advice, teasing, disappointments, obligations, expectations and familiarity. The players are fishermen, dealers, neighbors and kin, but roles blur and relationships intertwine in a small town. The wooden floors, one moment slick with scales and slime and the next hosed down clean, form the stage. Fish boxes stacked neatly, "poly-dac" rope

Photos of Ocracoke's fleet and fish house are by Susse Wright, Sensible Design, Ocracoke

snaking across the floor, and work gloves dropped here and there serve as props. The gurgle of diesel engines mixed with static from VHF radios plays a background symphony to the subtle dramas that unfold."

—From "Fish House Opera"

Casting a Wide Net

A commercial fisherman without a fish house is like a farmer without a grain bin. And time is of the essence when you are battling the threat of rising temperatures. One degree over posted regulations and every bit of the commercial fisherman's catch must be pitched. With the fish house closed, the Ocracoke fleet shrank to virtual non-existence. Those who did stay on motored northward to unload their precious cargo, the additional fuel charges sucking up their already dwindling profits. The time and fuel they spent seeking fish houses farther away could have been used in the fishing grounds. The closing also meant no dockside source of ice, and with each trip requiring 400 pounds of ice, both the commercial and recreational charter boats were left scrambling for cubes. To top it all off, with less real fishing activity on the docks, Ocracoke's lucrative tourism identity as a "quaint fishing village" was in serious jeopardy.

The irony was not lost on Robin Payne. Moving to the island in 2003, Payne had left behind a Washington, D.C., career in construction management. In her short time on the island she sensed the impending losses facing the community and culture and wondered what, if anything, she could do. She found encouragement from local captain Rudy Austin who, as his wife tells it, "is good with women." Actually Cap'n Rudy is good with all audiences and is often the island's spokesperson on everything from mosquito control to island history.

Robin began taking cues from Karen Willis Amspacher, who had successfully established the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center, Down East at Harkers Island. She garnered enough local support to begin forming the Ocracoke Foundation. The nonprofit organization's long-term goals include employment diversification, affordable housing, funding for youth programs and cultural preservation through education and research.

Foundation organizers met with the fish house owner who agreed to a one-year buy-out if the group could raise $325,000. In the meantime the fish house was re-opened as the Ocracoke Seafood Company and managed by the fishermen themselves who had formed the Ocracoke Working Watermen's Association (OWWA). Today more than 30 fishermen belong to the association. The youngest member is 13-year-old Morty Gaskill, who has had a commercial fishing license since the age of 9.

Gone forever are the days of Ocracoke fishermen working in total isolation of one another. For the fish house to succeed, and if the fishing families hope to continue to do the work they love so well, even when it doesn't love them back, the fishermen must routinely meet to decide on business plans and fundraisers. It's Fish House Economics 101, and neighboring communities struggling to save their own fishing traditions are keeping a watchful eye on this burly bunch to see what lessons can be learned.

Turns out it was perfect timing. The North Carolina General Assembly dispatched a Waterfront Access Study Committee to develop a plan of action for the state. All along the coast in recent years the traditional waterfront activities—buying and selling fish, tending to working boats and their crews, fetching and delivering boat passengers, serving families who wander onto piers to drop a hook and line into saltwater—have been fading behind the shadows of shiny new condominium and marina developments. OWWA member Hardy Plyler served on the Waterfront Access committee. From Gates County, Hardy became a Morehead Scholar, graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1972 with a degree in American Studies and moved to Ocracoke to work as a commercial fisherman. He serves reluctantly as fish house manager. He'd much rather work his fishing nets than work the network of agencies that have a hand in the fate of the fish house.

Through fundraisers and educational events, OWWA raised almost $70,000, still a far cry from the owner's asking price. With a plan that calls for expanding and upgrading the fish house, the group cast a wide net looking for funding sources. The island's Touchstone Energy cooperative, Tideland Electric Membership Corporation, was one of the first to respond. Tideland EMC has applied to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a $100,000 grant that

would in turn be loaned to the foundation at zero percent interest. As Tideland's chief executive officer Bill Stacy explains, "Upon repayment, the monies will establish a revolving loan fund that we can in turn use for other economic development projects."

Hyde County government provided financing needed to fill the gap and meet the fish house owner's June 1 deadline. North Carolina General Assembly Representatives Tim Spear and Arthur Williams introduced an appropriations bill on behalf of the fish house which, if passed, will secure the fleet's home for the next 70 years.

Hope on the Horizon

Today, there are signs of new life on Ocracoke Island. The U.S. Coast Guard station, which sat abandoned for nearly a decade, is now home to the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) hosting 40 weeklong seminars annually for teachers who come to renew their love of learning. The island is their classroom, and a waiting list exists for NCCAT's "Salty Dogs and the Lore of the Sea" session where teachers spend two days on the water with OWWA members checking pound nets and crab pots then dining on their day's haul.

Blackbeard's legendary hangout Springer's Point has been acquired by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, preserving 120 acres of maritime forest. Sidewalks were poured in the village this spring to accommodate ever growing foot traffic along Hwy. 12. The state ferry division has added an extra run between the island and mainland Swan Quarter during peak tourist season. The volunteer fire department is pursuing a long overdue expansion with the foundation's assistance. With its designation as a "21st Century Community" the entire county has a myriad of resources poised to turn back the rising tide of poverty and declining population. And the fish house is alive with activity: Hyde County crab cakes and Ocracoke favorites like southern flounder, red drum and oysters enjoy brisk sales. There's even a movement underway to preserve the native brogue.

No, you can't buy a lottery ticket on Ocracoke Island. But for those who live and vacation here, every day is a treasure.

"Fragile little worlds rooted in salt marsh and mud still thrive, against terrific odds, ... in heartbreaking testimony to American perseverance. The story is heartbreaking, as every fisherman in the U.S. knows, because it is being revised and rewritten by those powerful enough to change whole landscapes and influence the views of large numbers of people. But fishermen, mediators between the ever boxed-in and regulated life of society and the flux and fluidity of life on the water, manage to keep bringing us the only wild caught food product on the U.S. market. Fishing families live by the values considered truly American—independence, risk-taking and freedom—and get punished for having the audacity to do so. May this scrappy group of survivors sail into the future and garner a little more respect and fairness in the world."

—From "Fish House Opera"

Heidi Jernigan Smith is director of public relations for Tideland EMC.

"Fish House Opera," by Barbara Garrity-Blake and Susan West, published in 2003 by Mystic Seaport Press, describes the life and lore of North Carolina commercial fishing. It is 150 pages and available at Mystic Seaport Museum, N.C. Maritime Museum, Dee Gees Books in Morehead City, Manteo Booksellers in Manteo and online at www.manteobooksellers.com.

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"When you come to our dock, you see the man who actually put the fish there"

We've managed to resurrect our fish house from a very difficult situation. The retail is working as good as it ever has. Some of the support that was lost has now come back from the community, from the tourists that come who want a fresh product and who are looking to actually see the fishermen who actually do it. Many of the tourists want to see the people who are actually doing the work. In this day and age of everybody wondering where our food comes from, when you come to our dock, you see the man who actually put it there. And I think that has an esoteric value beyond any type of monetary value for their communities.

In the case of my fish house, it's not only just a fish house. It's a coffee shop first thing in the morning for the older folks in the island who just want to gather and talk about life and how our community's going. It's a place to raise money. For our community and I think with a lot of Outer Bank communities, the fish house is a place where money gets recycled back into the community. The fishermen who produce the food get paid by the fish house, and then they turn around and put that money into the gas station, the local grocery store and any other businesses that are there.

We're seeing the inner banks and the outer banks creep from a multi-industry kind of economy where there were a variety of jobs towards a community economy that is totally based on tourism. And that in itself is not bad, because it's helped a lot of people make money and get their kids to college. But do we want an inner and outer banks where the only economy that is left in ten years is tourism? I think it makes us very vulnerable to storms and the pressure it's going to put on our waterways. It's going to continue to put stress on the seafood industry and the people who live by it.

—David Hilton,
Ocracoke commercial fisherman

FROM TESTIMONY BEFORE THE N.C. WATERFRONT ACCESS STUDY COMMITTEE, JAN. 30, 2007

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If you plan to make a special trip to one of these, please contact the market ahead of time to check for hours of operation and products. Some markets were affected by the April freeze, so their operations may be limited.

The North Carolina Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services maintains this directory of Certified Roadside Farm Markets. Farmers participating in the program strive to provide consumers with the highest quality, fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and related farm products. For more information, visit the Web site at www.ncfarmfresh.com

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Contact one of the CSA farms near you for more information. You can also get information from an initiative at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro called Project Green Leaf. Phone: (336) 256-1164. Web: http://greenleaf.uncg.edu

Tara Verna

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Selling from the curbside, roadside, trunk and tailgate

Your stories of buying and selling farm products

Chestnut champions

In this picture dated September 1967, my brother Clyde D. Hoots Jr. (age 9) is shown standing beside the chestnuts that he and I used to pick up to sell. We grew up in Walkertown, and in our backyard were seven large chestnut trees that my father planted in 1946.

My brother and I would sell these chestnuts any way we could. We put a sign in our front yard advertising them three pounds for $1. Also, we would pull our Radio Flyer wagon all over the neighborhood selling them door to door. Our father, Clyde Sr., and our mother, Ersie, would sell chestnuts at work. We also sold chestnuts to produce stands. I can remember being so excited when they would buy 50 pounds or more at a time.

Some summers we would pick up over 1,200 pounds of chestnuts, just my brother and I. We deposited some of our earnings into what was then Northwestern Bank.

Teddy Hoots
Yadkinville | EnergyUnited

Watauga River strawberries

This is a picture of my dad, Auborn Trivette, and me. We were putting strawberries in a crate. I was the oldest of 11 children. We had to work hard to make a little money. First we tried to grow cabbage and tenderette beans to sell—but so was everyone else. Then we decided to try strawberries. All the land we owned was steep, except some bottomland next to the Watauga River, so we planted it in strawberries. We did all the planting, hoeing and weeding by hand.

When it was time to pick strawberries, my sisters and I got in a long row and picked all day for two or three weeks, rain or shine. We didn't have a vehicle, so we hired someone to take us around to the neighbor houses to sell them. The most we ever made was $1 for a gallon. When the berries were ripe, fishermen going up and down the river would stop for a snack in our berry patch. During our harvest we had to eat strawberries for breakfast, dinner and supper.

Audrey Trivette Greene
Vilas | Blue Ridge Electric

Thanks for sending us stories about selling farm products in the days before we had farmers markets. You can see more of them on our Web site. Next month we'll publish your stories of the best class prank you ever saw. (Deadline was June 15.) For more themes and rules in our "Nothing Could Be Finer" series, go to page 17.

GO ONLINE
www.carolinacountry.com

Saturdays at Marion trade lot

I remember selling produce 40 years ago. We loaded our pick-up on Friday evening so we would arrive at the Marion trade lot early Saturday. Marion was around 45 miles away, but gas was 35 cents a gallon and a Pepsi was 25 cents.

The Briscoe family managed the trade lot. Parking was $2 if you were a seller. At the right time of the year at this market, you might buy cabbage, onions, ramps, turnips, grapes, lettuce, potatoes, peanuts, pears, peaches, apples, watermelons, cantaloupes, pumpkins, gourds, beans, plums, eggs, fatback, ham, yeast bread, pies, cakes, cookies and live ducks, chickens, goats, hogs and turkeys.

Around 11 a.m. was show time. J. D. McCormick would pull out his guitar, Dean Moore would grab his banjo and Cup Harris would show up with a mandolin. Enoch Williams would sing. Many other vendors would join in. It would last 'til everyone got tired and went home.

One Saturday we sold everything including our 1947 Studebaker truck. We hitched a ride home.

Guy Brittain
Connelly Springs / Rutherford EMC

Cheap peaches

I remember one summer in the 1960s a man came around in an old pick-up truck going door to door selling peaches. Door to door, mind you, could be as far as a mile in between houses. The man wanted $2 a bushel, but we could only come up with $1. The man gave us his last two bushels, because he said he was tired and just wanted to go home. He said he would rather us have the peaches than the hogs.

Well, Mama and Granny peeled and pickled peaches for what seemed like a week. I'm sure after about two days of fixing them peaches, they wished that man had given them to the hogs. I can remember when we moved from that house in my teen years we still had some of those peaches in jars.

Linda Williams
Carthage / Randolph EMC

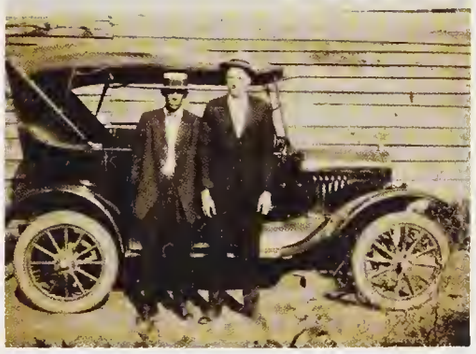
Selling to Cooleemee mill town

When I was a child, I looked forward every summer to "helping" Daddy sell produce from our farm. After the Model T Ford was loaded with green beans, corn, etc., I would climb in beside Daddy. Then we were off to Cooleemee. In that small cotton mill town Daddy sold his produce to grocery stores, the hotel and door to door.

Once when I didn't go with Daddy, he returned and surprised my little brother and me with toys. He brought my brother a toy carpenter tool set and me a small toy iron. Back then we had never received gifts except at Christmas.

My brother worked on the window sill with his hammer, and I ironed my doll clothes.

My little iron is setting on a shelf in our house. It is a daily reminder of those good old days, when people were not afraid to open the door for a produce salesman.



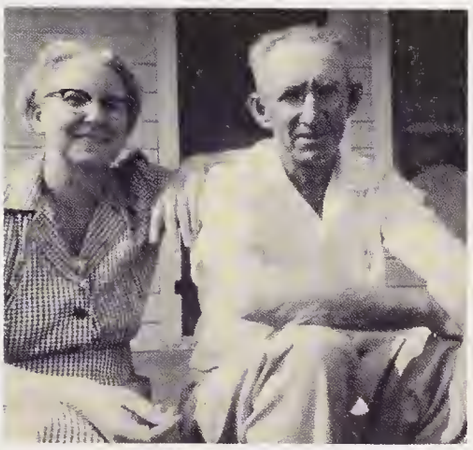
My Daddy and his cousin. My Daddy is the taller man standing near the front of his car.

Virginia Kinley
Woodleaf / EnergyUnited

Growing enough for everyone

Before farmers markets, there was more giving and helping than buying and selling. My grandparents come to mind. If you needed anything and they had it, you were welcome to it, and they would help you if they could. My father is like that to this day.

My grandparents planted gardens with a lot more than they could possibly use. They did it for the purpose of giving away. Actually, I don't think they knew how to grow just enough food for themselves. My grandmother was well into her 80s and still insisted on having three gardens. She grew enough



for her sons and their families and the entire community. Her green thumb shone through in every row, but not as bright as her smile. I can still see her beaming face when someone would come to pick some corn or beans to put up for the winter, or she handed someone a bag of tomatoes and cucumbers for their supper.

Wanda Garren
Lincolnton / Rutherford EMC

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Mammoth Whale To Be On Exhibit At The State Museum

Bones, Weighing Four Tons, Removed to Raleigh on Highway Trucks and Buried at Fair Grounds

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LIVE STOCK MEN MEET HERE DEC. 18

The Southern Livestock Association will meet in Raleigh December 18, 19 and 20. The president of this association, which embraces all of the Southern States, is Homer Hancock, of Nashville, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Tennessee. Commissioner Graham and Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, will deliver addresses of welcome. On the program are a number of features that should be of special interest to those in the livestock business.

RADIO HINTS

If your dial reminds you of a scrambled egg, do not attribute it to an aeroquake but remember that practically all stations were changed, effective November 11, by the Federal Radio Commission. It is too early at this writing to say whether, from a practical standpoint, the reallocation of stations is going to give the public better radio. It was designed to do so and there is every reason to believe that the Commission will, if the present wave length assignments do not give satisfactory results, revise them until they do. The new positions were, if we understand correctly, assigned on a theoretical basis, by experts. There was no way of telling what the actual results would be until the plan was put into practical operation. This has been done, and all stations, with but few ex-

DEPARTMENT DATA READ IN SCHOOL

During the course of each year, several thousand letters from persons desiring definite information on North Carolina are given attention by the Division of Publications of the State Department of Agriculture. These letters come from school children in this and other States and from others who are making a special study of the advantages of North Carolina. This work of supplying information to individuals is carried on in addition to the issuance of regular publications.

It is estimated that several thousand copies of the pamphlet known as "Agricultural North Carolina", in which the agricultural advantages are set forth, are being studied throughout the State, especially in the sixth grade.

One Raleigh school was supplied with a sufficient number of copies to afford one for each member of the sixth grade, while a consignment was sent this week to an Asheville school.

It is desirable, that when publications are desired, the request come from the teacher, in order that all the matter may be sent to one central source for distribution among the children.

Letters requesting information on cotton come for the most part from children in the northern and eastern States, including Vermont, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. During the past season the children of several Vermont and Pennsylvania towns have asked for cotton bulletins, while many sent for samples of cotton

North Carolina Farm Lands Lead Nearby States In Per Acre Value

Farm real estate values in North Carolina, while still slightly declining, approximate the status of stability in the period March 1, 1927, to March 1, 1928, and averaged 175 per cent above the pre-war average. This encouraging statement is based on figures made public in the summary of findings of the third annual survey of farm land values conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Using 100 to represent average values in the State in 1912-1914, North Carolina farm lands were rated to 221 in the peak of inflation in 1920. The figure dropped from 221 to 185 by 1926, to 178 in 1927, and to 174 in 1928. Deflation it will be noted, was greatest between 1920 and 1926, further decreased by 7 points by 1927, and by 4 points more by 1928. The rate of decline, it is shown, is now very slight, and gives encouragement to the belief that "bottom" has about been reached.

As compared with nearby states, North Carolina farm values went higher in 1920, and more important, remain distinctly higher in 1928. As compared with the North Carolina peak figure of 221 in 1920 Virginia's high, reached the same year, was only 190,

nearby states of the middle Atlantic division.

During the period March of last year to March of this year farm values averaged for the whole United States showed the smallest decline recorded in any single year since the drastic post-war deflation set in. Values of improved farm land per acre declined but two per cent on the average during 1927 and early 1928, as compared with a decline of twice that figure registered between March 1, 1926, and March 1, 1927.

As of March 1, 1928, the national average value per acre was 47 per cent above the pre-war level, compared with a figure of 49 per cent above pre-war reached March 1, 1927, and a peak of 70 per cent above recorded on the same date in 1920. Averaged for the entire country, the current figure of 47 per cent above pre-war represents approximately the same level of values as prevailed in 1917, the government survey says.

Major declines in the last year continued to be felt in the same regions in which the heaviest losses appear to have been centered in recent years, principally the cotton and corn belts.

Data on foreclosures and related

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You never know what you're going to find in the classifieds of North Carolina's Agricultural Review: turnip seeds, wagon wheels, hound dogs, chickens, honey, hay or a tractor that "runs good and leaks everywhere." Since the first issue rolled off the presses in 1926, this free publication—with its ads offered at no charge—has been as indispensable to farmers as the plow and the spade. Through its pages, farm families have bought, sold and bartered their goods and services in times of want and plenty.

From the beginning, the Review has offered a cornucopia of the state's bounty. In the 1920s and 30s, farmers rattled off their wares: sugar cane molasses at 35 cents a gallon, crimson clover seed at 8 cents per pound, 8-week-old Berkshire pigs for $7.50 and white leghorn pullets for $1 apiece. Farmers' wives sold the fruits of their labor—canned goods, seeds and bulbs, baskets, embroidery and quilts. Farmsteads equipped themselves with all the tools of the trade—tractors, steam engines, egg incubators, seed drills, hay balers, corn shellers and cream separators. Hired hands and housekeepers found jobs in exchange for room and board, and sharecroppers found land to work.

Today, about 60,000 subscribers still receive the Review, and the publication has changed little. Its mission remains the same as when the first single-page issue rolled off the presses—to help farmers sell their products. Loyal readers still find coveted items and a chuckle or head-scratch in the occasional oddball listings. The Review staff has redesigned the masthead slightly, says editor Andrea Ashby, and you can now download issues through the Internet, but it has retained a no-frills, tabloid-style look. "We didn't want it to be super-slick," says Ashby. "We wanted to maintain the charm of it." Published by the N.C. Department of Agriculture, the Review is mailed at no charge to any North Carolinian who requests it, and For Sale ads for agriculture-related items—as well as want ads from readers looking to buy something—are also free.

Ashby says she's never witnessed a more devoted readership. If the Review doesn't hit people's mailboxes at precisely the same day of the month, her phone starts ringing. "It's this iconic type of magazine that people just look forward to," she says.

Albert Shepherd, a retired real estate appraiser in Salisbury who raises cattle on the side, is one of those subscribers who can't wait to kick back in the recliner and flip the pages. "I read a while, take a nap, then read some more," he says. "A lot of my friends refer to it as their bible," says Shepherd, who is also an avid customer. "I've chased things all over the state."

Though the publication, which ranges from 8 to 12 pages, contains advice about agricultural topics from grain prices to pesticides, the ads are still the heart of the publication.

"The Ag Review's classifieds … make the peanut farmer in Murfreesboro and the apple grower in Brevard feel like next-door neighbors," wrote Winston-Salem Journal columnist J.A.C. Dunn in a 1982 editorial, penned when a shortage of state funds threatened to shut down the Review. Then-editor Jim Devine said he was inundated with phone calls from readers, many of whom offered to pay for a subscription to keep the publication alive. Devine says he appealed to the legislature by attempting to quantify the value of the classified ads to North Carolina's agricultural economy, which he estimated in the millions of dollars. The plea worked, and new funds were appropriated, though the printing was decreased from twice a month to once a month.

Besides its economic benefit, the little newspaper also cultivated a lively exchange of plants and correspondence between gardeners. The Review once thrived alongside similar "market bulletins" published by states throughout the Southeast, many of which are defunct. The late garden author Elizabeth Lawrence learned of these publications through a friend, the beloved Southern writer Eudora Welty. Lawrence began writing letters to and ordering plants from the gardeners, mostly women, who sold seeds and roots through the Review for pocket or "pin money." Many of them became dear friends.

Rosa Hicks, 76, who has lived her life in the high country of Avery County, was one of the North Carolina farm women immortalized in Lawrence's book "Gardening for Love: The Market Bulletins," published after the author's death. Hicks has advertised in the Review for more than 50 years, and

still sells dahlias through the mail and at her house on Old Mountain Road in Banner Elk. Her offerings from the 1950s and 60s read like an encyclopedia of North Carolina's treasured wildflowers: Dutchman's breeches, Ladyslippers, trilliums, bellworts, trout lilies, mayapples and galax. "Mostly all the flowers we advertised were around the house on our place," she said in a recent phone interview. "But some we had to go to the woods to get." Back then, Hicks swapped plants with "other flower lovers" and sometimes bartered for printed feed sacks, which she used to sew pillowslips and children's shirts and dresses. Though she enjoyed trading plants and says it sometimes felt like a hobby, the money she earned was—and still is—a vital source of household income.

A social history

In addition to the friendships Elizabeth Lawrence developed and the botanical knowledge she gained, she also valued the Agricultural Review and its contemporaries for their cultural and historical significance. "The market bulletins are a social history of the Deep South," she wrote.

Flipping through old copies of the Review, that sense of history is palpable. Long before America entered the theater of the Second World War, farmers were fighting their own battle on the home front, as evidenced in the Depression-era headlines of the Review. The state's agricultural leaders declared "War on Bean Beetle" (May 15, 1929), a pest "now making lace of leaves in many parts of the state." A new enemy surfaced in the June 15, 1929 issue ("Department Makes War on Mediterranean Fruit Fly"), in which the Commissioner of Agriculture implored all North Carolinians to vigilantly inspect imported citrus fruit for the larvae of this orchard pest.

Another insidious threat dominated the headlines of the Review —that of poverty. Many farm families were devastated when post-World War II surplus commodities flooded the market, causing prices to plummet. During this period, the seeds of modern-day price supports, farm subsidies and set-asides were sown. The May 25, 1929 Review led with news of the epidemic of pellagra, an illness caused by malnutrition. The cases of pellagra increased exponentially with the fall of cotton and tobacco prices, the Review reported: "Pellagra is a disease that spreads with hard times." Article after article urged farmers to diversify their operations so they weren't reliant on a single, fragile commodity to feed and clothe their families.

With each issue, the Review pledged its commitment to giving farmers a new avenue to make a living wage. An unsigned letter published Aug. 15, 1931, perhaps sums up best how farmers welcomed this priceless resource.

> *I am sending you herewith ad for sale of stream pressure cooker for your Farm Wants column. Permit me to say that the Review is doing a most worthwhile work for the farmers of the state. Until recently all the help extended to farmers ran toward making more stuff. With a surplus of everything now on hand the futility of such HELP is obvious. Do you not think that the help that the farmer needs, has always needed, is training in marketing?*

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From the Archive: The Best of the Review

Farms for sale—with deep wells, fertile fields, tall timber and "good schools and churches nearby."

Livestock listings of every kind and pedigree—Bourbon Red and Big Mammoth Bronze turkeys, Italian bees, Poland pigs, Hereford cows and the S.C. Buff Orpington drake that took first prize at the 1927 State Fair ("First check for $11 gets him").

"One saddle horse and one gray mare."

For sale or want: O'Too-Tan beans, kudzu hay, dried sweetgum sap, turkey gobble beads, tree strawberries, "Red Miss Helen Hollis" dahlias, "Life Preserver peas."

A free recipe for "Government Whitewash": unslacked lime, salt, rice, glue and hot water.

To swap: "A lot in town for a place in the country."

To swap: A Victrola with 65 records for "a hand or power feed cutter or anything on farm."

To swap: An egg grader for a postcard mimeograph.

To swap: "A good milk goat to freshen" in trade for a "possum dog."

To swap: "A regulation pool table for young Jersey cow."

To swap: A nickel-plated Aladdin lamp for a "milch goat."

To swap: "Good hearing aid for 2-wheel farm trailer."

Heart cypress shingles, $6 per thousand.

Azaleas at $3.75 a ton.

A 151-acre Piedmont farm with a house, barn, two granaries, cultivated fields and woodlands, "as good land as you will find most anywhere," for $7 an acre.

Buckets of comb honey and thick sorghum syrup.

Country plants for sale: parlor ivy, tame columbine, honesty plants, vine pomegranate, football mums and artillery fern.

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And: "A woman or man who is able to carry water from a spring, and company for an old lady."

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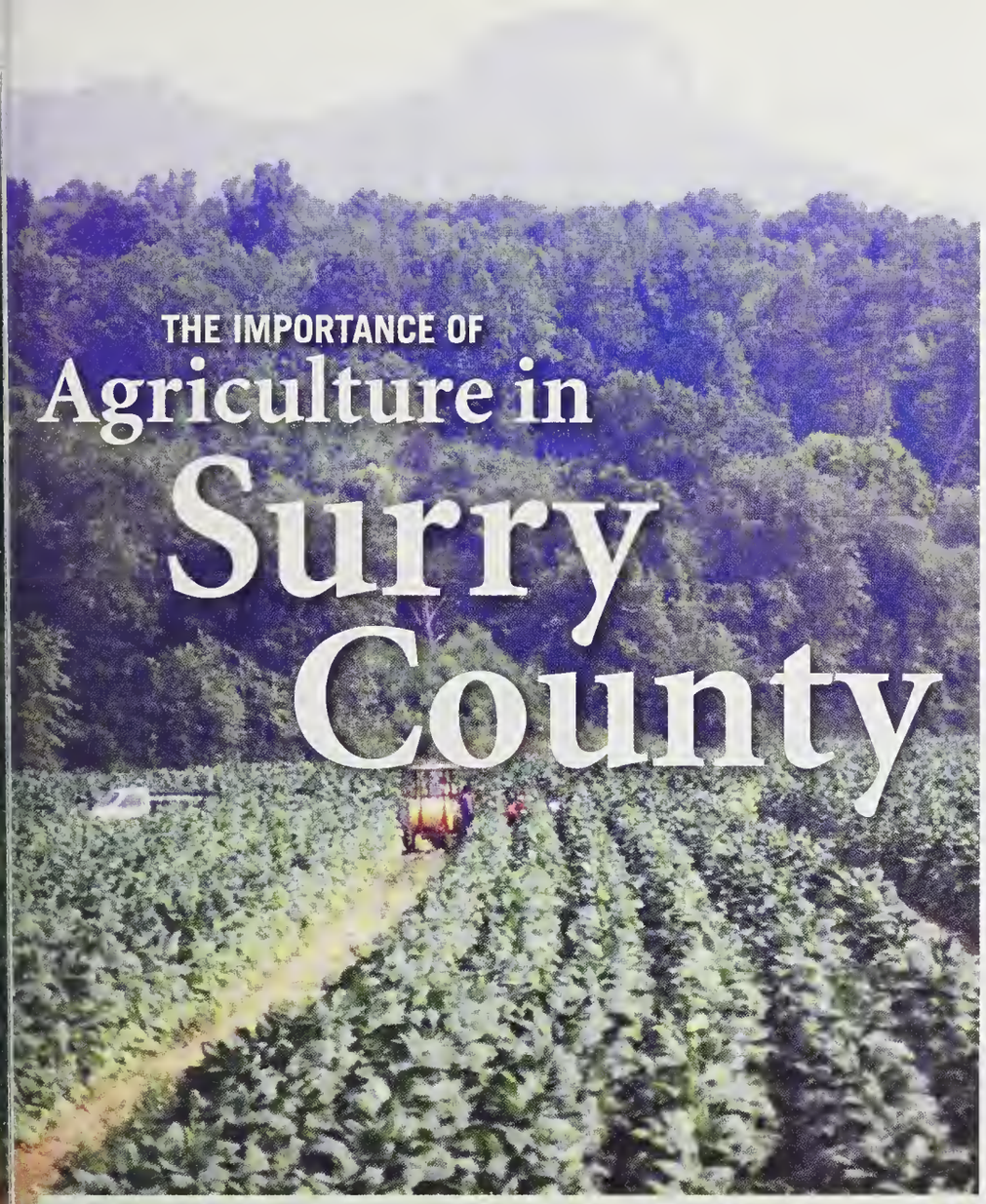

THE IMPORTANCE OF Agriculture in Surry County

The Surry County Center of North Carolina Cooperative Extension last year organized an essay contest as part of its "Celebrating Agriculture" event in September. Surry Yadkin EMC and Carolina Country helped sponsor the event and the essay contest.

Following are selected essays from the middle school entries. Their theme was "The Importance of Agriculture in Surry County."

Food and jobs

Surry County has had numerous agricultural crops. These crops have helped provide income for hardworking families. Recently agriculture has become more important to this county since many industries have closed.

Tobacco is a big part of Surry County. It has been in our county for many years. Tobacco is used to make chewing tobacco, cigarettes and other products. Growing tobacco has provided jobs for many people.

Corn is an important crop in Surry County. It is a source of food and also fuel. Many families make a lot of money raising corn. They also buy a lot of supplies such as equipment and fertilizer from farm supply stores which produces more jobs for people in our county.

Surry County now has vineyards where grapes are grown and wine is made. North Carolina wine is shipped all over the United States.

Another part of Surry County agriculture is cattle. There are two different kinds of cattle. Dairy cattle provide a lot of our food such as milk, cheese and butter. There are also beef cattle that provide us with a source of food.

Many people raise chickens.

All of these things contribute to the agricultural part of Surry County, providing us with food and income.

Morgan Midkiff / Mount Airy

You get the point

If there were no farmers we would not be healthy. No food. We would suffer because we would have no meat, corn, beans, tomatoes, chickens or butchers. If there were no plants, we would suffocate from lack of oxygen. Fire would make it worse.

If you throw cigarettes, candy, fast food, liquor and tobacco out your window, it will mess up the grass, corn, plants and fields. They may never grow again.

The truckers are important, too. If truckers stop driving, there would be no food or gas at the stores, and we would starve or have to farm and take care of ourselves.

A lot of people live in the city where there is nowhere to plant corn, beans, tomatoes, strawberries and potatoes or have chickens and cows. Without them, we would not have chicken nuggets, ketchup or fries. That is one thing I would miss. You get the point.

People wouldn't have as many jobs, either. Agriculture is very important for humans and animals to live. We probably can't do without it. It makes the world a better place to live.

Patrick Moore / Mount Airy

Diversity

There are many different types of farms in Surry County. The dairy farm provides milk for drinking and making butter. It also provides jobs.

Chicken farms provide chickens to eat and eggs. The chicken processing plant in Dobson provides jobs for people to make a living.

Some farmers have gone from raising tobacco to raising grapes. They built wineries to process the grapes into wine. This brings jobs and tourists.

Many farmers raise corn, which provides food for people as well as grain for different animals.

Some farmers grow strawberries to sell at roadside stands and in stores.

There are also some farms that raise potatoes, beets, cucumbers and other vegetables which feed people all over the county. They provide jobs at farms and manufacturing plants across the state.

Without farms, people would go hungry and not have jobs.

Shawra Felts / Mount Airy

Storm Watch

How to prepare your family and property for severe weather

Outside

1. Trim dead or weak branches from surrounding trees. Do not leave them for curbside pickup during a storm watch.

2. Moor boat securely, store it upside down against a wall or move it to a safer place. Remove canvas. Anchor a boat trailer with strong rope.

3. Protect your windows with custom-fit shutters or ⅝-inch plywood. Check with your local building inspector.

4. Keep roof drains clear.

5. If you live in a flood-prone area, elevate or move structures to higher ground.

6. Bring indoors objects that may be blown or swept away, such as lawn furniture, trash cans, children's toys, garden equipment, clotheslines and hanging plants.

7. Lower water level in pool 6 inches. Add extra chlorine. Turn off electricity to pool equipment and wrap up any exposed filter pumps with a waterproof covering.

8. Plan how to take care of your pets. Leave them with a friend. If you must evacuate, it is best to take your pets with you, but most shelters will not allow them. Large animals in barns should have plenty of food and water.

9. If a storm is pending, fuel your vehicle.

10. Keep a smaller Disaster Supplies Kit (see next page) in the trunk of each car.

11. Keep sliding glass doors wedged shut in high wind.

12. If you use a portable generator, make sure you know what loads it can handle, including start-up wattage. If you connect the generator to household circuit, you must have a double-pole, double-throw transfer switch installed between the generator and outside power, or the "back-feed" could seriously harm or kill utility line workers.

13. Take down outdoor antennas, after unplugging televisions.

Inside

14. Store valuables in a waterproof container at the highest point in your home.

15. Make two photocopies of vital documents and keep the originals in a safe deposit box. Keep one copy in a safe place in the house, and give the second copy to someone out-of-town. Vital documents include birth and marriage certificates, tax records, credit card numbers, financial records, wills and trusts.

16. Install smoke alarms on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms. Use the test button to test them once a month. Replace batteries at least once a year.

17. If a family member relies on life-support equipment, make sure your electric cooperative knows ahead of time.

18. Fill bathtubs, sinks, and jugs with clean water in case water becomes contaminated.

19. Pick a "safe" room in the house, usually a first-floor interior hallway, room or closet without windows.

Resource information

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
500 C Street, SW
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www.fema.gov

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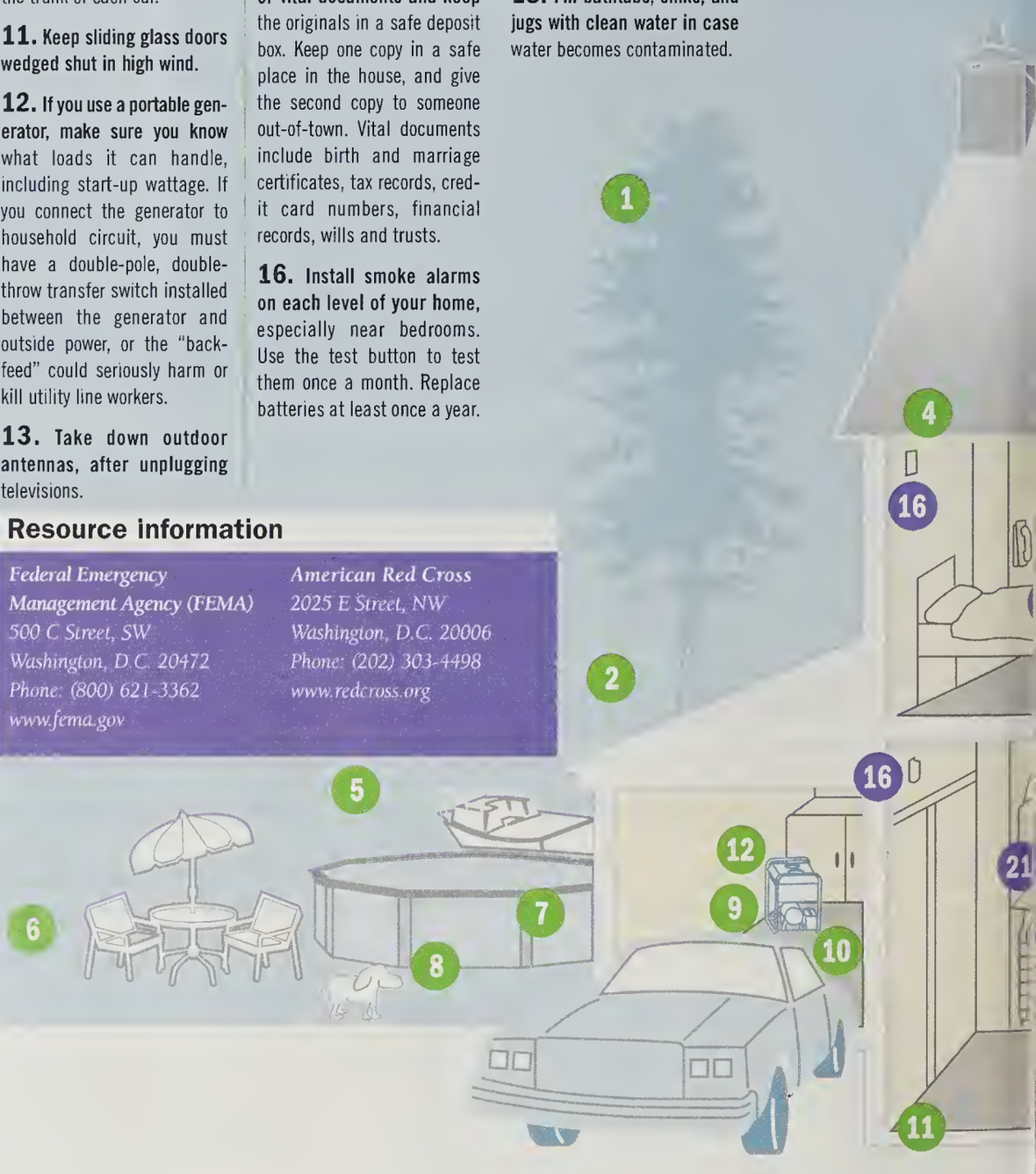

20. **Plan home escape routes. Find two ways out of** each room.

21. **Check and protect objects that could cause harm during** a bad storm: bookshelf, hanging pictures, gas appliances, chemicals.

22. **Write and videotape an inventory of your home,** garage, and surrounding property. Include information such as serial numbers, make and model numbers, physical descriptions, and price of purchases (receipts, if possible). Store a copy somewhere away from home, such as in a safe deposit box.

23. **Keep a portable, battery-operated radio or television** and extra batteries.

24. **Post emergency telephone numbers.**

25. **Show adult family members where your fire extinguishers** are and how they work.

26. **Make a plan for family members to reunite if separated** (if children are at school and adults are at work). Designate an out-of-state relative or friend as a contact person and make sure everybody in the family knows how to reach the person.

27. **Teach all responsible family members how and when** to turn off the water, gas, and electricity at the main switches or valves. Keep a wrench near gas and water shut-off valves. Turn off utilities only if you suspect a leak or damaged lines, or if you are instructed to do so by authorities.

A Disaster Supply Kit recommended by the American Red Cross

Have enough disaster supplies for 2 weeks ready. Keep items in airtight plastic bags. Replace stored food and water every six months. Rethink your kit and family needs at least once a year. (Replace batteries, update clothes, etc.) Ask your physician or pharmacist about storing prescription medications.

- Emergency food & drinking water
- At least one change of clothes
- Baby food, diapers & formula
- Batteries
- Bleach (without lemon or additives)
- Books, magazines, cards & games
- Butane lighters
- Cash & credit cards
- Camera & film
- Car keys
- Charcoal & lighter fluid
- Clock (non-electric)
- Cooler (with ice)
- Duct & masking tape
- Extension cords
- Fire extinguisher
- First Aid kit
- Flashlight
- Grill or camp stove
- Heavy plastic (for roof if damaged)
- Lantern with extra fuel
- Manual can opener
- Matches
- Medicines, glasses or contact lens supplies
- Mosquito repellent
- Personal identification
- Pet food
- Phone numbers of places you could go.
- Plastic trash bags
- Radio (battery-operated) or TV
- Rope (100 ft.)
- Sleeping bags, pillows & blankets
- Soap & shampoo
- Sturdy shoes
- Toilet paper & towelettes
- Tool kit including hammer, crowbar, nails, saw, gloves, etc.
- Water purification tablets

If you must evacuate

leave as quickly as possible. Unplug your appliances, but leave on your refrigerator. Turn off the main water valve. If time allows, move furniture to a higher place. Take sleeping bags, blankets, warm protective clothing, emergency supplies, eating utensils and identification showing proof of residency. Tell somebody where you are going.

Wave power?

As any surfer will tell you, the ocean's tidal currents pack considerable wallop. So why wouldn't it make sense to harness that power, which is not too unlike that of the rivers that drive hydropower dams or the wind that drives wind turbines, to make energy?

The concept is simple, says John Lienhard, a University of Houston mechanical engineering professor: "Every day the moon's gravitational pull lifts countless tons of water up into, say, the East River or the Bay of Fundy. When that water flows back out to sea, its energy dissipates and, if we don't use it, it's simply spent." According to Energy Quest, an educational Web site of the California Energy Commission, the sea can be harnessed for energy in three basic ways: using wave power, using tidal power, and using ocean water temperature variations in a process called "ocean thermal energy conversion" (OTEC).

In harnessing wave power, the back-and-forth or up-and-down movement of waves can be harnessed, for example, to force air in and out of a chamber to drive a piston or spin a turbine that can power a generator. Some systems in operation now power small lighthouses and warning buoys. Harnessing tidal energy, on the other hand, involves trapping water at high tide and then harnesses its energy as it rushes out and drops in its change to low tide. This is similar to the way water makes hydroelectric dams work. Already some large installations in Canada and France generate enough electricity to power thousands of homes.

An OTEC system uses temperature differences between deep and surface waters to extract energy from the flow of heat between the two. An experimental station in Hawaii hopes to develop the technology and someday produce large amounts of electricity on par with the cost of conventional power technologies.

Proponents say that ocean energy is preferable to wind because tides are constant and predictable and that water's natural density requires fewer turbines than are needed to produce the same amount of wind power. Given the difficulty and cost of building tidal arrays at sea and getting the energy back to land, however, ocean technologies are still young and mostly experimental.

To learn more: Ocean Power Delivery Ltd., www.oceanpd.com; Aqua Energy (Finavera Renewables), www.finavera.com/wave; Verdant Power, www.verdantpower.com.

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Tides are constant, predictable and powerful.

Cleaner boats?

In 1996, recognizing a growing problem of boat engine pollution, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued new rules to "bring forth a new generation of marine engines featuring cleaner technology and providing better engine performance to boat owners."

The cumulative effect of millions of inefficient motorboats plying our waterways affects marine life and our water supplies. According to the EPA, traditional two-stroke boat engines waste significant amounts of gasoline and oil, spilling as much as 30 percent of their fuel into the water and air either unburned or partially unburned.

Those looking to buy a boat today should choose one with a four-stroke or direct fuel injection (DFI) two-stroke engine. These pollute about 75 percent less than their traditional two-stroke predecessors and use as much as 50 percent less gas and oil. They are also easier to start and maintain, and are quieter.

New generations of electric boat motors are also coming on line. They are also non-polluting, quiet and can cruise where gas motors are not permitted. Some leading makers include Beckman, Budsin, Cobalt Marine, Electric Launch, Duffy, Electracraft, Griffin Leisure, Pender Harbour and Spincraft. A handful of manufacturers—such as Australia's Solar Sailor and Canada's Tamarack Lake—now make solar-powered or solar-assisted electric boats.

To learn more: EPA: Shipshape Shores and Waters: A Handbook for Marina Operators and Recreational Boaters, www.epa.gov/owow/nps/marinashdbk2003.pdf.

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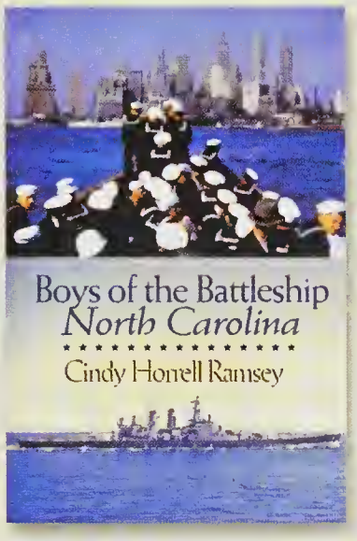

At the time of its commissioning, the USS North Carolina was the biggest, fastest, best-armed battleship in the United States fleet. Polk County author Cindy Horrell Ramsey looks at the boys aboard the ship, known as the "Showboat," through black and white photographs and personal recollections. Hailing from New Jersey, Minnesota, California and other states, some had never spent a night away from home. Others escaped broken homes, tore themselves away from sweethearts and suspended promising sports careers. Chapters include "Migration," "America at War," "Night Attacks," "Typhoon" and "Okinawa." Published by John F. Blair in Winston-Salem. Softcover, 368 pages, $19.95.

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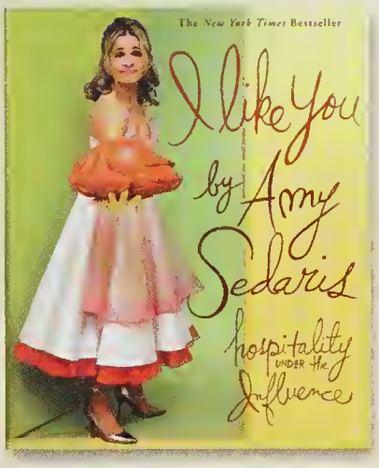

As author Amy Sedaris says, she goes bananas for entertaining. A Raleigh native, actress and TV show co-creator, Sedaris offers recipes and tips for entertaining, discusses the art of hospitality and guest etiquette, and suggests ways to build fun party themes. Her chapters include "Blind Date," "Breakfast for Sleepy Hollow Heads" and "When You Get To Play Nurse." Often written tongue-in-cheek, Sedaris also advises on the care and feeding of rabbits, what to do when lumberjacks visit and how to make such crafts as plant hangers made from pantyhose and Alaska salt maps. Recipes, accompanied by color photographs and illustrations, range from Telly Savalas Chicken and Colbert's Shrimp Paste to Paul's Zucchini Fritters and Lady Baltimore Cake. "I like you—hospitality under the influence" is published by Hachette Book Group USA in Lebanon, Ind. Hardcover, 304 pages, $27.99.

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Guide to North Carolina's Wineries

Since this guide's first edition in 2003, the state's wineries have nearly tripled in number. The 64 winery profiles in this second edition provide wine lists, directions, schedule and fee information. They also cover the winery's history and the particular passions of their winemakers. Edition newcomers include Childress Vineyards in Lexington, owned by NASCAR celebrity Richard Childress, Thistle Meadow Winery in Laurel Springs and Sanctuary Vineyards in Jarvisburg. Authors Joseph Mills and Danielle Tarmey include black and white photographs of some owners and wineries. Published by John F. Blair in Winston-Salem. Softcover, 309 pages, $16.95.

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This motivational book addresses issues that keep people from achieving their best. Author and professional speaker Derrick Barksdale draws from his MBA and other degrees in art, design and engineering graphics in discussing ways to overcome hurdles and achieve personal and professional success. The book also covers issues such as positively educating youth and understanding personal destiny. "The Sorghum Press" is published by Warren Publishing, Inc in Cornelius. Hardcover, 96 pages, $22.95.

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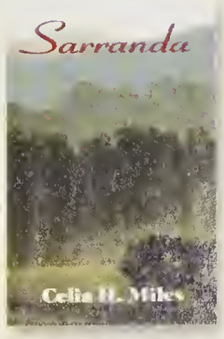

Written by Asheville resident Celia Miles, this novel follows a spirited woman's life during the pre-and post-Civil War years in the isolated western North Carolina mountains. From childhood when her father leaves for California gold fields through a youthful marriage and turbulent losses of the Civil War, heroine Sarranda finds solace in her grandfather's love, his gristmill and an unexpected romantic awakening. "Sarranda" is published by Infinity Publishing in West Conshohocken, Pa. Softcover, 191 pages. $13.95.

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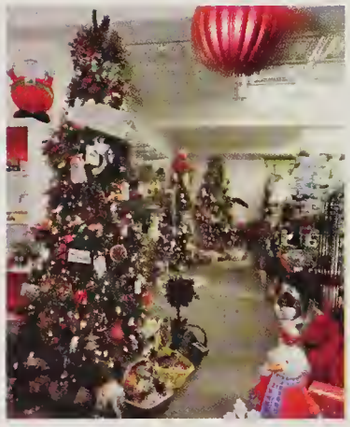

Stovall's Gifts in Oxford offers a wide selection of themed Christmas items, such as pet and sports trees, and other yuletide items year-round. Christmas products include Fontanini nativity scenes, Clothique Santa collectibles and Byers Choice handmade carolers. The 26-year-old family business also has a wine shop with food made in North Carolina, including freshly roasted gourmet coffees, Smithfield hams , cheese, candy, peanuts, BBQ sauces and salsas. Toffee candy comes as "Sin in a Tin" and sells for $13. Smaller bags of toffee sell for $4. Non-seasonal items include hundreds of product lines with brand names such as Vera Bradley tableware and handbags, Crocs and Rainbow Sandals. Vera Bradley's handbags are priced from $38 to $90. Stovall's Gifts offers custom orders and complimentary gift wrapping.

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Turkey cooking contest

The North Carolina Turkey Festival is accepting recipes for its annual North Carolina Turkey Cooking Contest sponsored by the North Carolina Poultry Federation. The dishes may be marinated, baked, broiled, barbecued, grilled or stir-fried using at least one pound of turkey meat. They can be served as a salad, hors d'oeuvre, entrée or soup serving four or more people. The recipes do not need to be original, however, contestants are responsible for complying with any applicable copyright restriction. The entrant must be a resident of North Carolina at the time of the state cook-off. Five finalists will receive an expense-paid trip to the state cook-off in Raeford in September. Cash prizes range from a 1st place of a $1,000 to a 5th place of $250. Finalists must participate in the cook-off or the cash prize will be forfeited. Dishes will be judged on taste, simplicity, appearance and appeal. Recipes should be typed or written on an 8½ by 11-inch paper with the name, address and phone number on the front. Recipes need to be mailed by July 27 to the North Carolina Turkey Festival at 101 N. Main St., Raeford, NC 28376.

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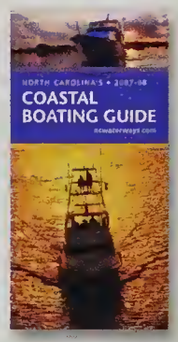
North Carolina boating guide



In partnership with the Wildlife Resources Commission, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) prints more than 100,000 Coastal Boating Guides each year to help boaters as they sail along the North Carolina coast. The 2007–2008 guide contains information about facilities and attractions on and off the water. This year's guide features a NOAA chart guide, information about the new coastal recreational fishing license, insets covering New Bern, Manteo, Morehead City and Wilmington areas, as well as a list of marinas and boatyards with services available along the coastline. The guide also highlights maritime museums, bicycle routes, wildlife refuges, historical sites, state parks and recreation areas.

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Motorcycles ride for veterans memorial

The Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation, founded in 1998 to construct a tribute to members of the armed forces, has scheduled a Sept. 22 motorcycle run in Jacksonville to raise funds for the project. The military has donated land for a memorial to be constructed next to the Beirut Memorial in Jacksonville. A Marine Corps museum may also be built here. The plan now calls for a large gazebo that covers a reflecting pool and fountain encircled with a glass wall listing those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The motorcycle line-up will begin at 10 a.m. on Montford Point/Camp Johnson Road (beside the Beirut Memorial). The run will follow a ceremony at 11:30 and will be joined by a Camp Lejeune military escort. The event concludes with music, food, drinks and prizes. For more information, contact Kenji "Kat" Horn.

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Morehead City's population varies like the seasons. We are a citizenry of full-time residents, second home owners and tourists, all of whom realize the gift we have being able to call Morehead City home. This cookbook celebrates our memories of today and those memories yet to come.

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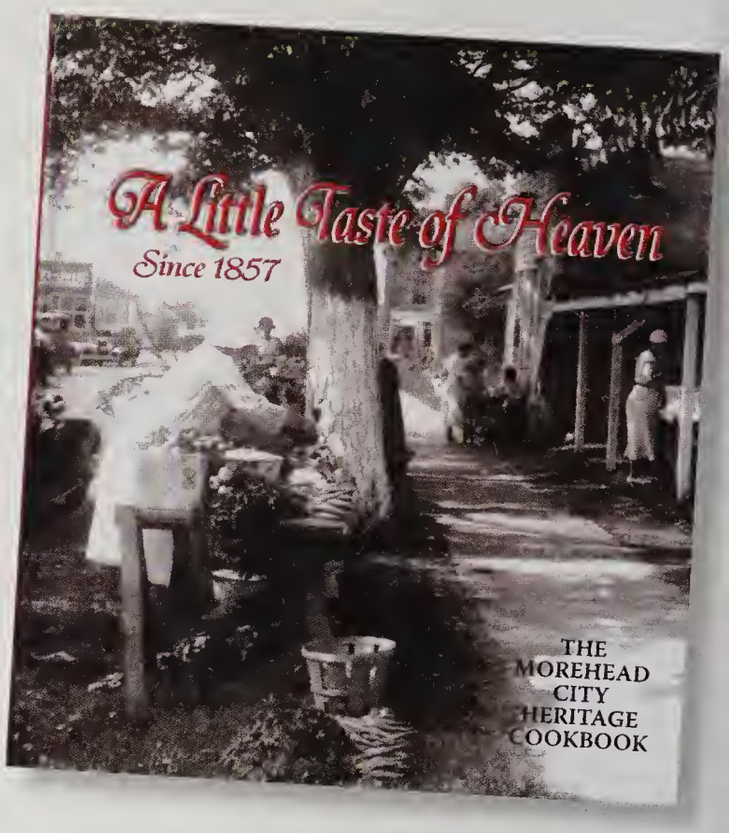

Cheesy Shrimp-and-Grits Casserole

Regenia Bell

- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup regular grits
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups shredded cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 6 green onions, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 pounds small fresh shrimp; cooked, peeled and de-veined
- 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes and green chiles, drained
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper

Bring 4 cups chicken broth and ½ teaspoon salt to a boil in a large saucepan; stir in grits. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 15–20 minutes, stirring often. Stir together grits, 1½ cup cheese. Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat; add green onion, bell pepper and garlic. Sauté 5 minutes or until tender. Stir together green onion mixture, grits mixture, cooked shrimp and next 3 ingredients. Pour into a lightly greased 2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining ½ cup cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

The Morehead City Heritage Cookbook was published in commemoration of the town's 150th anniversary this year. The 360 pages include an index and many historical photos (the cover is Curb Market about 1929), memories, stories, poems, songs and sketches from Morehead City's past. In a hardcover, notebook-style wire-o binding, the book costs $25 (plus $6 in shipping for one book, $2 for each additional) from MHC 150 Inc., 706 Arendell St., P.O. Box 3486, Morehead City, NC 28557. For more information: www.mnc150.com

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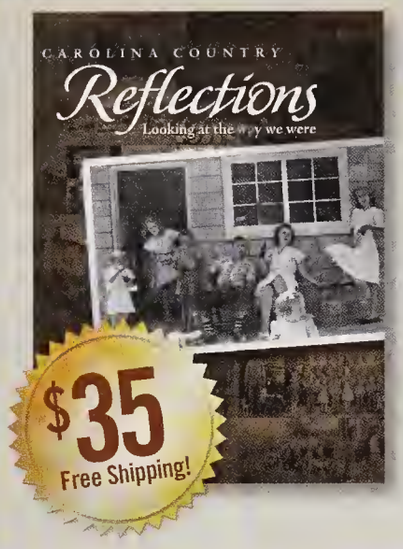

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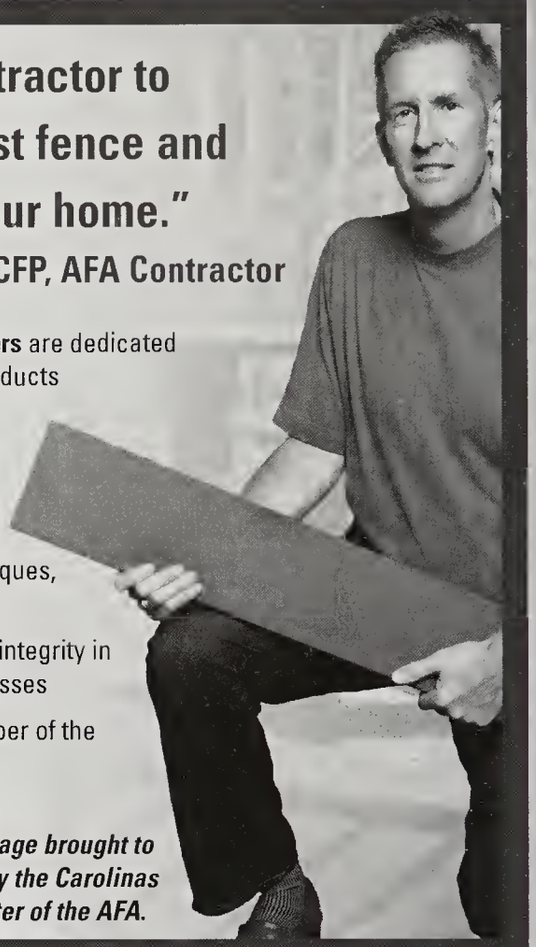

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... You made a necklace by hooking together clover stems.

... The first time you operated a gas lawnmower, you mowed the whole neighborhood just because everyone was watching.

... You and your cousins had a great time in the woods and pasture, but in the evening the chigger bites itched, the ticks were removed, the cockle burrs were combed out of your hair and the calamine lotion went on your poison ivy.

... The neighbor gave you money to buy bread for her at the store and gave you a Par-T-Pak bottle to redeem for deposit to buy yourself a Hershey Bar.

... You know that a thunder-boomer is a big rain storm.

... When the young'ns got hurt or angry playing games, Grandpa said, "Playing is of the devil."

From C.H. Morrow, Canton

... You hunted chinquapins and carried them in a salt sack. Salt didn't always come in a round box that said "iodized" on the side. It used to come in a cloth bag that held two pounds of salt. The bags were good for lots of things, like marbles. You also could carry eggs in them to the store to trade for penny candy.

From Wade Euliss, Burlington

... You hunted for duddle bugs by hollering down their hole, "Duddle up! Duddle up!" And they would come up out of their hole to see what the noise was about.

... You hunted for a white worm by sticking a leaf of wild onion down the hole. When the worm started pushing the leaf up, you pulled it out, along with the worm.

... You made a toy tractor out of an empty thread spool, a rubber band, paraffin and a small stick. You wound it, and it would go under its own power.

... You built a homemade tractor for farming, called a Hoover Tractor, out of a Model-T Ford and an old school bus transmission.

From Juanita Wise, Lexington

... You shucked corn and used the shucks for stuffing in a flour sack to make a mattress you could sleep on.

... You found your morning breakfast eggs in a nest under a shock of fodder.

... You heard your mother whistle, then an aunt whistle, then a different whistle from another aunt, and they all were calling the young'ns for supper.

... You made parachutes out of handkerchiefs, string and small rocks.

From Mabel Dennie, Marion

... When company came, you slept on floor.

... You would pick blackberries half a day and then do a large wash the same day.

... You could trade canned goods for meals at school.

... You had to walk two miles to the mail box.

... You used a sling blade to cut grass.

... Your favorite pastime was throwing horseshoes.

From Henrietta Godwin, Marston

... You made playhouses out of dog fennels in the field across the dirt road.

... The neighbors got together for a sugar cane party to make molasses, and the kids rode the mules in a circle round the grinding block.

... You did the sowing and the mule did the plowing.

... Your mom brought a bowl of cold peas and beans and biscuits to the cotton field so you wouldn't have to quit pickin' to eat.

... Your schoolhouse had six rows of desks, one for each grade, and one teacher.

... You washed your hair in the water that came off the roof when it rained.

From Peggy Hayes, Belews Creek

... You like root beer floats.

... You took corn silks before they dried out and tied them on sticks for hair and pretended they were boyfriend and girlfriend.

... Your grandpa asked for "Coker Cola" to drink.

... You and your friends climbed up onto the roof of the old barn to watch fireworks from the city.

... You loved hearing the tree frogs hollering from the creek.

... You made grasshopper houses from weaving teasel weeds together over your fingers and tying them off with another weed.

... You played finger games with a piece of tobacco twine.

... You remember the smell of kraut while it was makin'.

... Your brothers chased you with tobacco worms.

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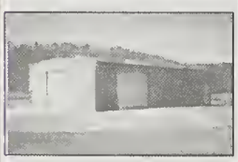

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3 _ _ _ _ _
4 _ _ _ _ _
5 MARTIN

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For answers, please see page 34.

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Oh, Kay!

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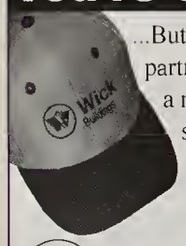

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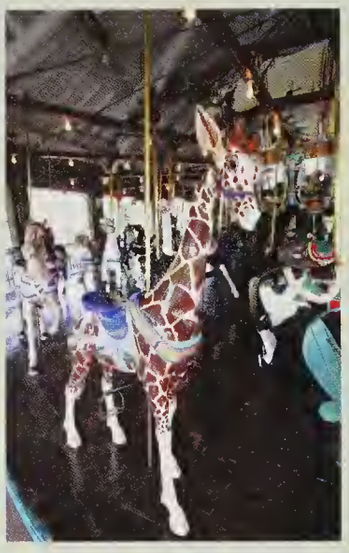

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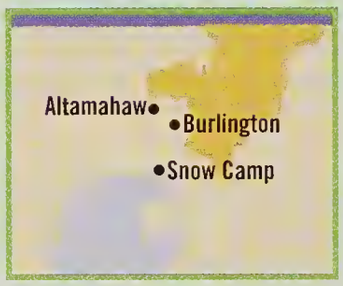

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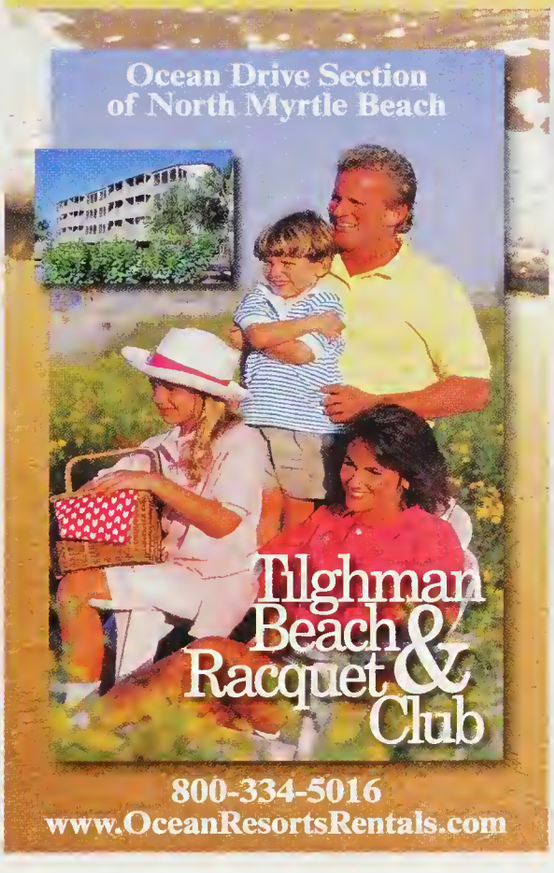

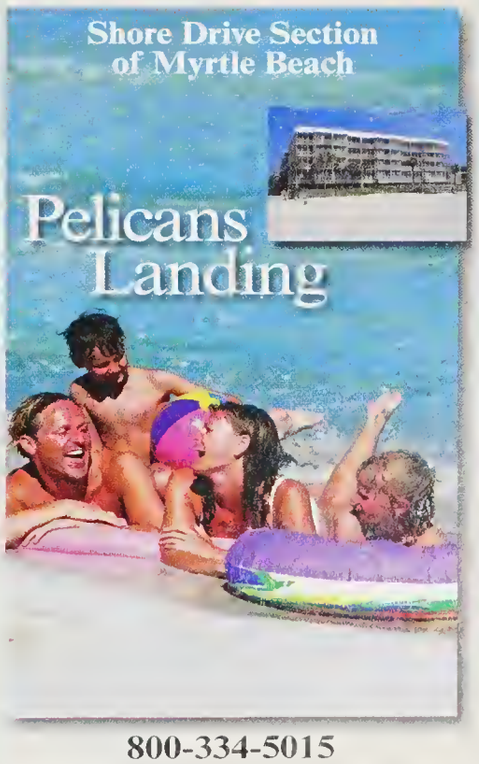

By Carla Burgess

Seaside Stalwarts

No matter where they live, gardeners can learn a lot from the rugged plants that survive in coastal and seaside communities. Drought, salt spray, poor soils, hot climate and scalding rays comprise a hostile environment that few plants can handle with poise. When they do, it gives hope to us all. Eastern cedars, live oaks, yaupons and yuccas are highly visible stalwarts, but a host of choices exists for coastal gardeners who want success for less sweat. Ranking high among salt-tolerant species are pittosporum, bottlebrush, leatherleaf mahonia, cabbage palm, saw palmetto, prickly pear cactus, lantana, blanket flower, daylily, rosemary and rugosa rose. They are also very tolerant of dry, sandy and nutrient-poor soils once established. Such plants will also appeal to inland gardeners who want low-maintenance landscaping. An excellent source of information about these and many other tough species may be downloaded from the New Hanover County Cooperative Extension Web site: www.gardeningnhc.org/pdf/SaltTolerantPlants2000.pdf.

Tara Verna

Rosemary is a salt-tolerant species that grows well in dry, sandy, nutrient-poor soil.

Homegrown and Handcrafted

Gourds are among the most popular, well-known plants grown for decorations. But your garden can produce a world of beautiful, unusual supplies for your arts and crafts toolbox.

▸For the bead-stringer, Mother Nature provides a ready-made ornament for bracelets and necklaces. Job's tears is a grass named for the teardrop-shaped "beads" it produces. Flowers emerge through the bead-like structure, creating a natural hole. The soft inside is readily pierced with a needle. The hard, shiny beads may be left their natural color (white to gray to black) or stained. Seeds for Job's tears are available from www.selectseeds.com.

▸You probably don't own a cotton gin, but it shouldn't stop you from growing cotton for fun. Several heirloom varieties produce naturally tinted fibers. The bolls are decorative enough, but the real charm lies in the subtle colors of the "cotton balls." 'Erlene's Green' produces light olive-green fibers; 'Arkansas Green' is a soft light-green; 'Mississippi Brown' is light tan to golden brown; and 'Nankeen' is light brown to copper. Seeds are available from www.southernexposure.com.

▸As kids, many of us made art projects with dried beans. Few of us actually grew our materials though. The South Carolina Foundation Seed Association offers a host of strikingly patterned and colored bean seeds. Plant them at the base of a trellis, allow the pods to mature and dry on the vines, then reap the harvest. 'Turkey Gizzard' has a brown appaloosa pattern on a marshmallow cream background. 'Davis Black' produces a mixture of black, brown and white beans. 'Striped Cornfield' produces striped seeds. All of these "pole beans" also happen to be delicious to eat. To order, visit virtual.clemson.edu/groups/seed/heirloom.htm, write to SCFSA at 1162 Cherry Road, Box 349952, Clemson, SC 29634, or call (864) 656-2520.

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Hort Shorts

▸Need to know how much mulch, topsoil or pine straw you need to cover a given area? A few rules of thumb: 1 cubic yard of mulch will cover 100 square feet to a depth of 3 inches. That's enough to fill the bed of a midsize truck. Bagged, you'd need 13 of the 2-cubic-foot bags or nine 3-cubic-foot bags. One cubic yard of topsoil will add a 2-inch layer over an area of 100 square feet. A bale of pine straw is enough to cover about 35 square feet. For a handy online calculator, visit www.gardenplace.com/content/calculator/mulch_calc.html.

▸In July, there's still time to plant summer and fall-bearing veggies. Beans (snap, pole and lima) will mature in 50 to 80 days, depending on kind and variety. Also, sow carrots, collards, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts and turnips.

▸Stay on top of your cucumber harvest. Pick several times a week to keep the vines producing.

▸Medicine bottles, film canisters and zippered plastic bags are great for storing seeds from the garden. But if you want to make pretty packets for sharing and swapping seeds, you'll find many attractive, colorful templates online. All you need are a printer, scissors, and glue or tape. To get started on your own, check out www.geocities.com/siggyrose and http://alenkasprintables.com/seed_packets.shtml.

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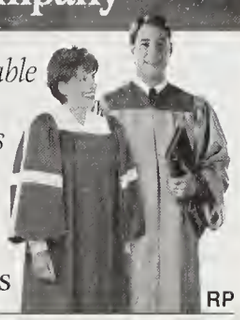

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By James Dulley

A sunroom adds light, heat and value to your home

Adding a sunroom to a house is an excellent investment and often increases the resale value of your home more than the sunroom's cost. The cost per square foot of floor space is much less than adding a traditional room to your home. Also, it can be a great recreational area for children.

A properly designed and well located sunroom can capture enough free solar heat to stay warm most of the year. It may also help heat the rest of your house during spring and fall so your heat pump or furnace does not have to run as much.

If helping to heat your house is a goal, include some provision to get the solar-heated air into your house. The simplest method is to open a window between the house and sunroom when it is warmer than the house. Installing an exhaust fan high on a sunroom wall (outlet into house) is more effective. For the most convenience, install a thermostat to control the fan.

Also, make the sunroom large enough so you can have a small container garden in one corner for fresh salad greens and herbs year-round. This also produces some moisture for the air, which improves your family's comfort during winter and allows you to set the heating thermostat lower.

For your plants and a reasonably comfortable living space, any orientation from southeast to southwest is adequate to capture the sun's heat. Select a convenient location with easy access from inside your house, often at an existing exterior door opening. If you plan to use the sunroom to help heat your house, an orientation to true solar south is important for the greatest solar heat gain. True solar south can vary substantially from compass south. Check with your local weather service or on the Internet for the amount to adjust compass south to get true solar south for your area.

Most fancy sunrooms you see on homes are typically contractor installed, but not all. The contractors buy the long (20 feet or more) aluminum framing extrusions and cut them to size at the job site. I actually bought 20-foot lengths and cut them myself to build my own sunroom. It took me more than a month to build it. I'm told a typical contractor builds one in just two days.

Some sunroom manufacturers will sell the components to homeowners in pre-cut kit sizes. Do an Internet search and contact sunroom manufacturers to see if they sell their products directly in kit form. If you are lucky, you may find a pre-cut kit close to the size you need.

With some of do-it-yourself sunroom kits, you just have to build the base for the sunroom and assemble the components. Some frames are lightweight enough to be built over a wood deck. You may find it less expensive to purchase the glass or plastic window panes locally.

James Dulley

This do-it-yourself sunroom is designed around recycled storm windows and doors. Notice the windows near the peak and the roof vent to avoid summertime overheating.

If you are a do-it-yourselfer, you should be able to build an efficient sunroom from scratch. This offers the advantages of lower cost and building the precise size you need. You may find that due to the orientation of your house, topography or landscaping, an irregular shape may get better sun exposure. This also can be very attractive.

Before you begin to construct the 2-by-4 lumber framing, visit local home centers and building supply outlets. They often have custom-sized, high-efficiency windows that a homeowner or builder did not end up buying. Look for ones with low-emissive glass with argon gas in the gap. These often are sold at quite a discount. Once you have your windows, design the rest of the sunroom framing to fit them.

In warm climates, you should have a solid roof on the sunroom or it will likely overheat during summer. In average and cold climates, a clear roof captures more heat, and you can control overheating with movable shades. Installing roof vents or a venting skylight also helps. Designs with slanted (lean-to) glass capture the most heat, but often have overheating problems. In warm climates, always install vertical glass.

For the best comfort and efficiency, add thermal mass to the sunroom. A brick paver floor and a concrete block knee wall are effective mass. Use large planters with heavy clay pots. Thermal mass reduces overheating and helps the room hold heat when the sun goes down.

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Disappearing Fruit Dip

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 jar (7 ounces) marshmallow crème
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lime peel
- Dash ground ginger
- Assorted fresh fruit

In a large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, marshmallow crème, lime juice, lime peel and ginger until smooth. Serve with fresh fruit. Refrigerate leftovers.

Yield: 2 cups

Recipe by Taste of Home, www.tasteofhome.com

Bistro Potato Salad

- 2 medium yellow onions, sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1½ pounds small red potatoes
- Boiling salted water
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped dill leaves (or 1 teaspoon dried dill weed)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons sugar

Sauté onions in olive oil in large skillet over medium heat for 15–20 minutes until golden. Season with salt and pepper to taste, cover and chill. Boil potatoes 20–35 minutes or until fork tender but not mushy. Drain. Chill in covered container.

Combine mayonnaise with dill leaves, mustard, lemon juice and sugar. Slice chilled potatoes and brush a thin glaze of the dilled mayonnaise over tops. To arrange salad, spoon onions onto plate, spreading into 10 to 12-inch round. Make overlapping circles of glazed sliced potatoes over onions. Spoon some of the dilled mayonnaise into center, putting remainder in a small bowl. If desired, garnish with fresh herbs.

Yield: 6 servings

Winning reader recipe

Banana Pudding Trifle

- 2 (small) packages vanilla or French vanilla instant pudding
- 2½ cups milk (I use chilled evaporated milk)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 small carton Cool Whip
- Vanilla wafers
- 3 bananas
- Lemon juice

Whisk together pudding and milk and let thicken. Add to this mixture the sour cream and Cool Whip.

Line dish with vanilla wafers, then layer with sliced bananas (sprinkle with lemon juice to prevent them from darkening). Continue layering until all ingredients are used. Keep refrigerated until serving time. Better if made the day before.

Madelyn Long, a member of Albemarle EMC, will receive $25 for submitting this recipe.

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The Ultimate Onion Bloom

Beer Batter

- 3 cups cornstarch
- 1½ cups flour
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 24 ounces beer

Seasoned Flour

- 2 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

- 6 colossal onions, (4-inch diameter or larger)
- Oil, as needed
- Creamy Chili Sauce (recipe follows)

For Beer Batter, combine cornstarch, flour and seasonings. Add beer; mix well.

For Seasoned Flour, combine ingredients and mix well.

Cut about ¾-inch off tops of onions and peel. Cut into 12 to 16 vertical wedges, but do not cut through bottom (root end) of the onions. Remove about 1 inch of "petals" from center of onion. Soak cut onions in ice water 10–15 minutes. If onion petals do not separate and "bloom," cut petals slightly deeper.

Dip cut onion in seasoned flour mixture and remove excess by shaking; dip into batter and remove excess by gently shaking. Separate "petals" to coat thoroughly with beer batter. Gently place onion in fryer basket and deep-fat fry at 375 degrees for 1–1½ minutes. Turn over and fry an additional 1–1½ minutes longer until golden brown. Repeat with remaining onions.

Drain on paper towels. Place onion upright in shallow bowl and serve with Creamy Chili Sauce, if desired.

Yield: 6 blooms

Creamy Chili Sauce

Combine 1 pint mayonnaise, 1 pint dairy sour cream, ½ cup chili sauce, and ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper. Spoon chili sauce into small cups. Place one cup in center of each bloom and serve.

Yield: 1 quart

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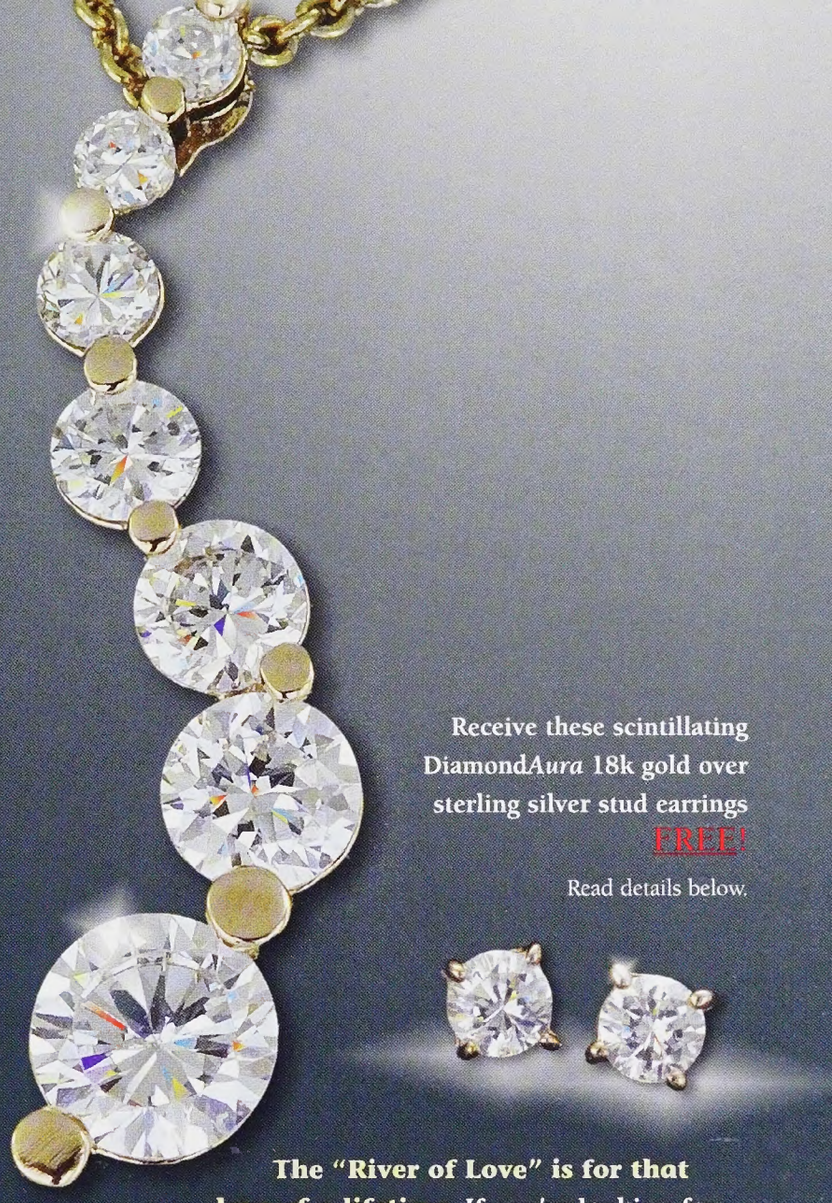

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CASH TO HELP WITH FINAL EXPENSES

Up to $35,000!*

* Selected maximums apply depending on age

Now you can have a life insurance plan to help cover your final expenses – a plan which pays up to $35,000 to help your family cover your last expenses – worldwide.

- Protection up to $35,000
- Benefits begin first day
- Eligible up to age 85
- No physical exam required, based on coverage
- No waiting period
- Proceeds immediately available at death of insured
- Company cannot cancel your plan, reduce your benefits or raise your premium
- Can cost only pennies a day
- Whole Life Insurance Policy 4-790(92)
  Underwritten by Standard Life and Casualty Insurance Co

MOST HEALTH CONDITIONS ACCEPTED!

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Sample Monthly Rates per 1,000*

Issue Age	Male (non-tobacco)	Female (non-tobacco)
5	$ .55	$ .55
15	$ .59	$ .55
35	$ 1.30	$ 1.08
55	$ 3.20	$ 2.53
65	$ 5.36	$ 4.14
75	$10.23	$ 7.64
85	$19.77	$16.52

* Does not include $36 policy fee, minimums may apply

Sample Monthly Rates per 1,000*

Issue Age	Male (tobacco)	Female (tobacco)
5	N/A	N/A
15	N/A	N/A
35	$ 1.79	$ 1.49
55	$ 4.30	$ 3.55
65	$ 7.18	$ 5.41
75	$13.24	$ 8.85
85	$26.26	$17.67

* Does not include $36 policy fee, minimums may apply

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